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CUMBEST

November 25, 2008

Jackson-George Regional Public Library
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Re: Arvis V. "Sid" Cumbest

As a gift, please find enclosed a binder of Simon Cumbest & Eli Lyman Cumbest
Genealogy from 1700-2008. I hope this information is beneficial to your research.

CUMBEST HISTORY FROM 1700'S - 2008

The following is a partial history of the lineage of Simon Cumbest, Lyman Randall Cumbest, and Eli and Neelia Cumbest.

Thomas Cumbest was probably born in the early 1700's and thought to live in the Orangeburg, South Carolina area. He married Elizabeth Stone. Records reflect that Thomas was granted three different land grants in that state.

Simon Cumbest, son of Thomas Cumbest, was born in 1755. The South Carolina native married Maria Eva Kop, a native of Fizland Alemania (near Germany). Maria Eva Kop died in Florida, and Simon Cumbest died on March 12, 1820 in Moss Point, Mississippi.

The foregoing facts and many of those about Simon Cumbest were obtained from the files of the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Mobile, Alabama. The books dated 1704-1891 were written in Spanish and Portuguese, and they were later translated by Brother Jerome Lepre of South Carolina.

The census taken by Spain in 1800 spelled the name Cumbest and it has been spelled that way for over 200 years. The name Combest is also used in many parts of the United States.

In the early 1800's many foreign countries were building large vessels. Spain, France, England, and others were exploring this large country, North America. They were fighting each other to find out what was on this vacant land. Taking place along the East Coast of the Atlantic Ocean, the fighting caused many vessels to sink. Many had to swim to shore, and it is highly possible, but not verified, that Thomas Cumbest was among that group.

Spanish and French fighters did the most fighting for the land in North America. They killed many of each others' people. Eventually, the Spanish and French leaders got together, prepared, and signed an agreement to stop fighting and divide the land. Spain received land commencing on the East bank of the Mississippi River at the 32nd parallel thence East along a line of the Southern side of Tennessee to the East Coast, South along the Atlantic Coast, including the Florida panhandle, West along the banks of the Gulf of Mexico to the banks of the Mississippi River and North to the point of beginning. France received the land west of the Mississippi River to New Orleans and other areas.

About the year 1800, the country was crowded with people on the East Coast of the Atlantic, what would now be the area of Virginia. This is where Simon Cumbest and many others were living on Spain's land. Spain offered Simon Cumbest 640 acres on the East side of the Pascagoula River if he would agree to move West and sign an oath that Simon Cumbest and family would support Spain and the Catholic Church. Undoubtedly, Simon and his children signed the oath and moved.

Simon moved and built a home on the East bank of the Pascagoula River about 4 miles North of the Gulf of Mexico. He later married Mary Elizabeth "Eve" Phoyal who was from Germany. Simon and Elizabeth had a son named John Henry Cumbest, Sr. who also received a grant from Spain for an additional 640 acres on the east side of the Pascagoula River. This land can be identified about one mile north of his father's land where I-10

(running from the East to West coast) crosses Escatawpa and the Pascagoula Swamp in Jackson County, Mississippi.

John Henry Cumbest, Sr. married Madlein, who he met in New Orleans after she arrived on a boat from France. They had several children. John Henry Cumbest, Sr. wanted to move farther up the Pascagoula river, to a place later named Cumbest Bluff. He acquired a deed describing the property from Richard Roberts, who previously had received a grant for this piece of land from Spain. The deed to John Henry Cumbest, Sr. was vague and could not be adequately interpreted. John Henry Cumbest Sr. died, leaving no will before he moved to Cumbest Bluff. His widow, Madlein, hired a law firm in Pascagoula, Mississippi, about the year 1900 to file a suit in Chancery Court to determine that the land he purchased was on the east bank of the Pascagoula River at Cumbest Bluff. It was determined by court order that Cumbest Branch emptied into the East Side of the Pascagoula river and awarded the land to Madlein Cumbest. A copy of this lawsuit, including a survey showing Cumbest Branch and pleadings could be found in Chancery Court Cause No. 1370. These documents are now on file in the Jackson County Mississippi Archives Office.

By agreements after the court order, Madlein Cumbest gave the land to John Henry Cumbest, Jr. and the other assets to John Henry Cumbest, Sr.'s heirs. Madlein moved from Escatawpa to Cumbest Bluff with several children. Her son, John Henry Cumbest, Jr. built many cabins along the south side of Cumbest Branch, including one for he and his wife, Candacy Jones Cumbest, his mother Madlein, and many of his children. John Henry Cumbest, Jr., his wife Candacy and his mother Madlein are all buried at the Johnson Cemetary in Wade, Mississippi.

There is now a new road to Cumbest Bluff, West of Mississippi Highway 63 (2008) about two hundred feet south of Cumbest Branch, and John Henry Cumbest, Jr.'s cabins can be identified where built on the south side of the Cumbest Branch on a hill east of Cumbest Bluff. This area was easily located because of the many items that have been uncovered.

Lyman Randall Cumbest was one of the many children born to John Henry Cumbest, Jr. and Candacy Jones Cumbest at Cumbest Bluff. Lyman moved to a larger piece of land on the East side of Lampkin Road, now Highway 63, approximately 1 mile north of Cumbest Bluff. Lyman Randall Cumbest married Marselete Parker. They had 10 children, including Eli Lyman Cumbest. All attended the School of Caswell Springs located at Three Rivers (also known as the Red Hollow School), as shown from Schoolbook records found in the Jackson County Mississippi Archives Office. The schoolbook records dated from 1892-1893 also show classes were taught by Eula Carter (Coleman), Susie Carter, and Cap Johnson (his daughter, Mary Magdeline known as Ommie, later married Hillard Cumbest). This school was on the East side of Lampkin Road, now Highway 63 in Jackson County Mississippi. This school house was torn down in the first part of 1900.

A one room school house was built at Wade, Mississippi, where Neelia Goff (wife of Eli Lyman Cumbest) attended when she was a young girl. This school was about a half mile from her home. It was a crowded school where several of her brothers and sisters went to this school. Her father, William Wesley Goff conveyed several acres of adjacent land for a larger school. The school in Wade Mississippi was renovated and called Wade High School.

After many years, a larger school was needed to serve the several hundred children in the area. East Central High School was built on the North side of Highway 614 near Hurley, Mississippi. However, Wade High School has not been torn down as of 2008.

Another one room school was built on the west side of Highway 63 at Americus, Mississippi, about four miles north of the intersection of Highway 614 and 63. This school was moved to serve families at Salem Camp ground where revivals were held. Reverend Pete Henderson and family are staying in this building adjacent to Roy O. Cumbest's Camp (eighth child of Lyman and Marselete) there at Salem.

The one room school at Americus was on a winding, one lane dirt road. A four lane black top straight road built from Highway 90 in Pascagoula to Lucedale, Mississippi that bypassed the old one lane road was one reason this school was closed.

Eli Lyman Cumbest and wife Neelia Goff Cumbest moved from Moss Point Mississippi which two children, Lloyd and Dennis, in 1916. They purchased a house on the road currently named Neelia Cumbest road. This was adjacent to the land and home of their mother and father at Wade, Mississippi. Their last five children went and graduated from Wade High School.

While attending school, Donald delivered papers and answered the phones for the Pascagoula Police Station. He graduated Valedictorian of his class, and after receiving his welding certification taught by Cap Johnson he began working at Ingalls Shipyard. He later received his law degree, was appointed as Pascagoula City Judge, elected two times as Jackson County Prosecutor, and elected three times as District Attorney. He later resigned to practice civil and criminal law in his own firm.

Two of the other children, Dennis and Hilda, also worked at Ingalls Shipyard, and Lloyd ended up working at Pavo Vaneer Mill located in Moss Point, Mississippi. This mill is still in existence as of 2008.

Sid excelled in basketball his junior and senior years at Wade High School. He played on a dirt court in the forties and fifties. While in college he worked for Roman Kelly delivering memos to the House of Representatives, checked land titles for the Scott and Barbour Law Firm, and worked for O.B. Taylor at Mississippi Valley Title. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi, and later went to Ole Miss, eventually graduating from the Jackson School of Law.

After practicing law for thirty years, he retired at the age of 70 (year 2008) and began drawing social security. He is still happily married to Shirley Atwood, and has five children and four grandchildren.

The Cumbests have used all of the aforementioned land on the Pascagoula River to establish their homes and families. The land, rivers, and swamps have provided places for each of them to hunt, fish and explore. It remains a significant part of their history.

The Pascagoula River, which runs along western boundary of their property, enters North America between the Mississippi Counties of Neshoba and Kemper. The river, which has

never been blocked, meanders several hundred miles through the state of Mississippi, Cumbest Bluff, Jackson County and empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Below is a list of movement on the river over the past years:

1799 – Simon Cumbest got a Spanish land grant from Spain on the bank of the Pascagoula River, four miles north of the Gulf of Mexico.

1800 – John Henry Cumbest, Sr. got a Spanish land grant one mile north of his father, Simon.

1900 – John Henry Cumbest, Jr. built a home on the east bank of Cumbest Bluff.

1945 – Roy O. Cumbest owned land and built a camp on the west bank of the Pascagoula River at Cumbest Bluff.

1950 – Noll Braxton and Sid Cumbest had a house boat at Cumbest Bluff for more than forty years. This house boat has since been sold.

1955 – Heirs of Roy O. Cumbest own land at Cumbest Bluff to date (2008).

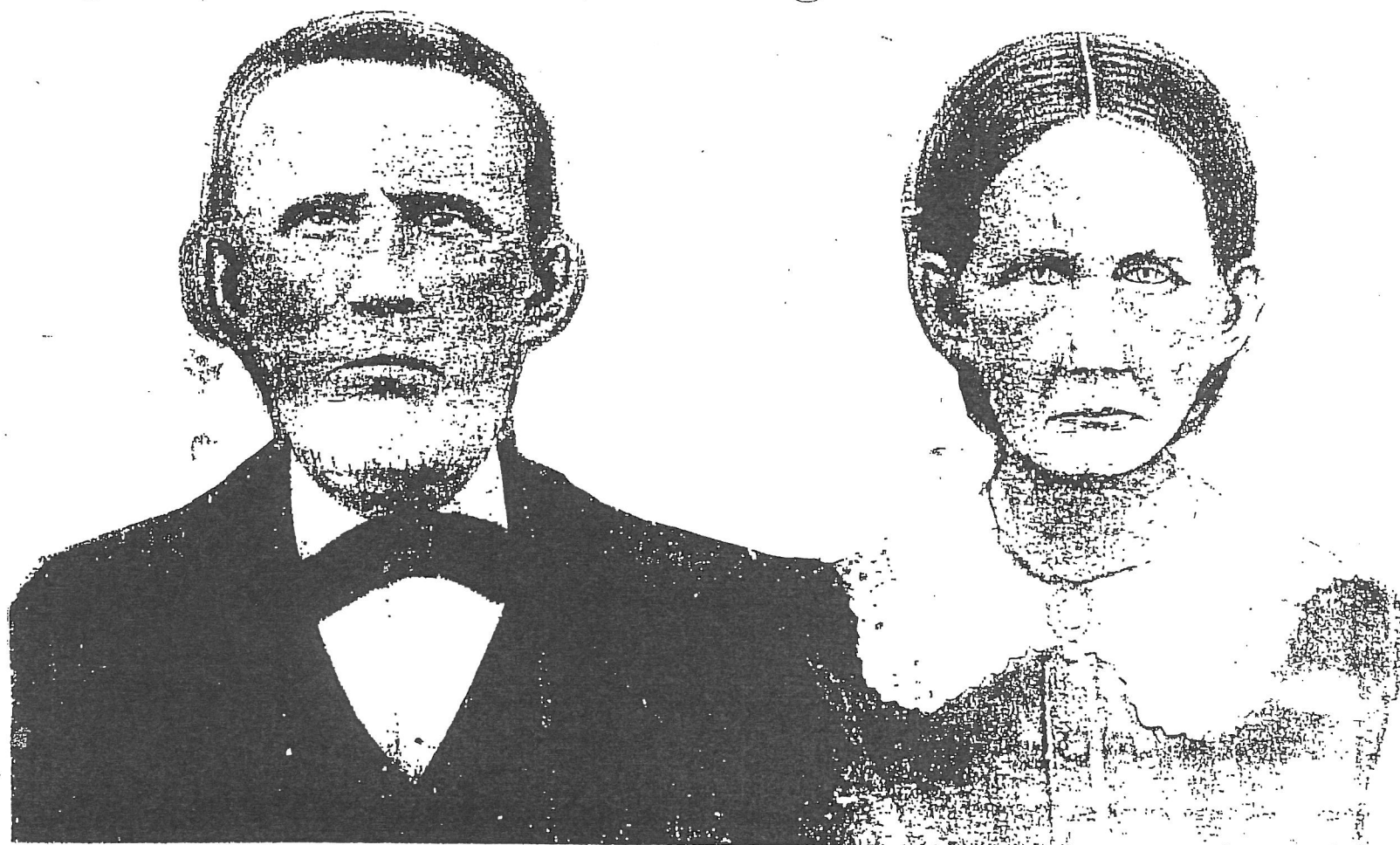
1990 – Scott Cumbest and his wife, Lynn, has a home on the east bank of the Pascagoula River at Cumbest Bluff; Donald Cumbest and Sid Cumbest own two lots and a camp on the east bank of the river, located 20 miles north of Cumbest Bluff.

1995 – Scott Cumbest and his wife, Lynn, bought a new home.

1998 – Sid sold the house boat and bought interest in the camp at Cumbest Bluff with his son Scott, and they still own the camp today (2008).

The land and timber on the west side of the Pascagoula River was acquired by the state of Mississippi. Governor Bill Waller authorized the \$15 million dollar purchase in 1975 in the name of Natural Conservationism. The swamp land is 2067 acres and is the largest undammed swamp in the United States.

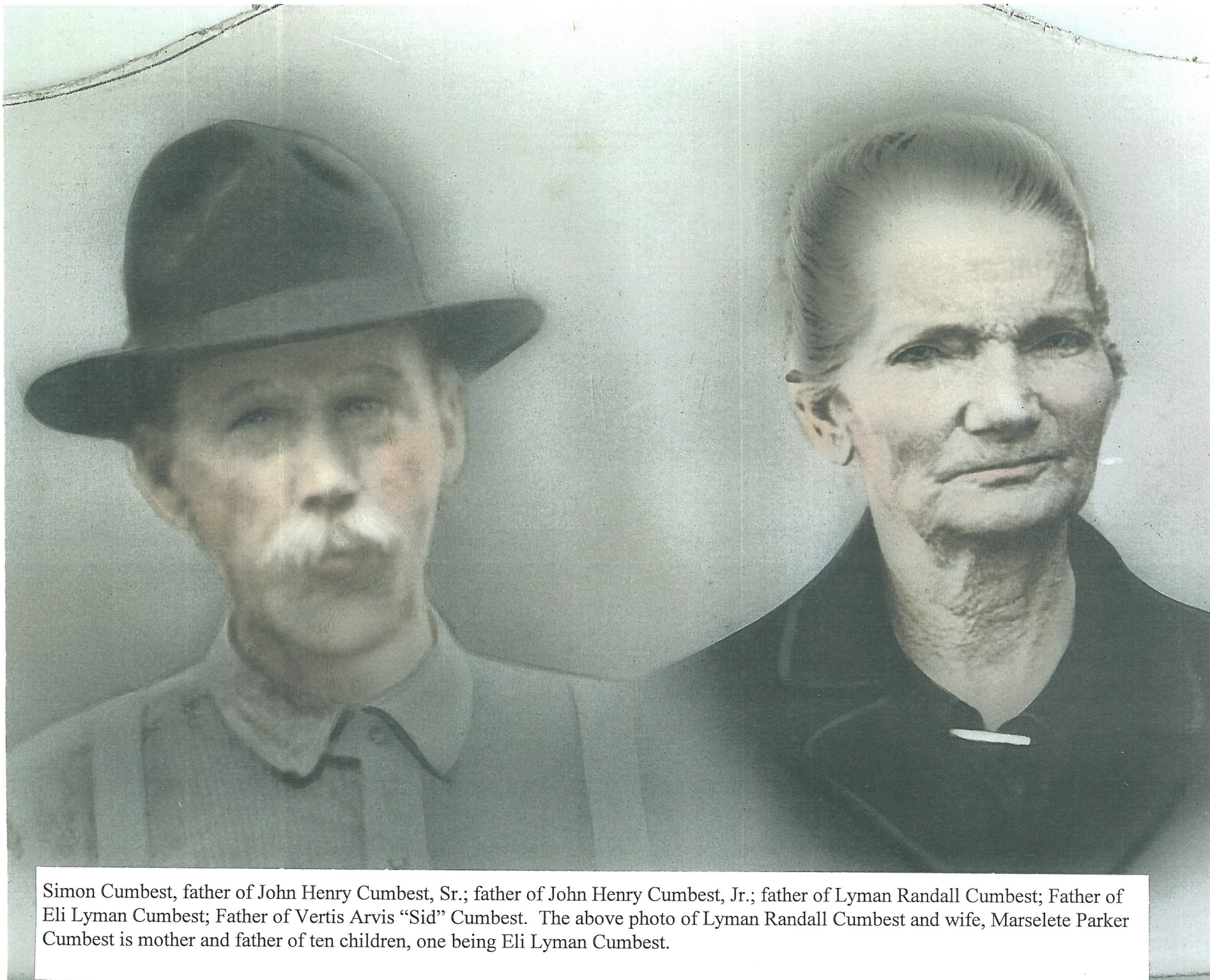
The foregoing partial history of the Cumbest family is dedicated to all the descendants of Lyman Randall Cumbest. I want to express my thanks and appreciation for receiving help from Melba Goff Allen, Jackson County Land Records, Jackson County Library, Jackson County Archives Office, and many others.



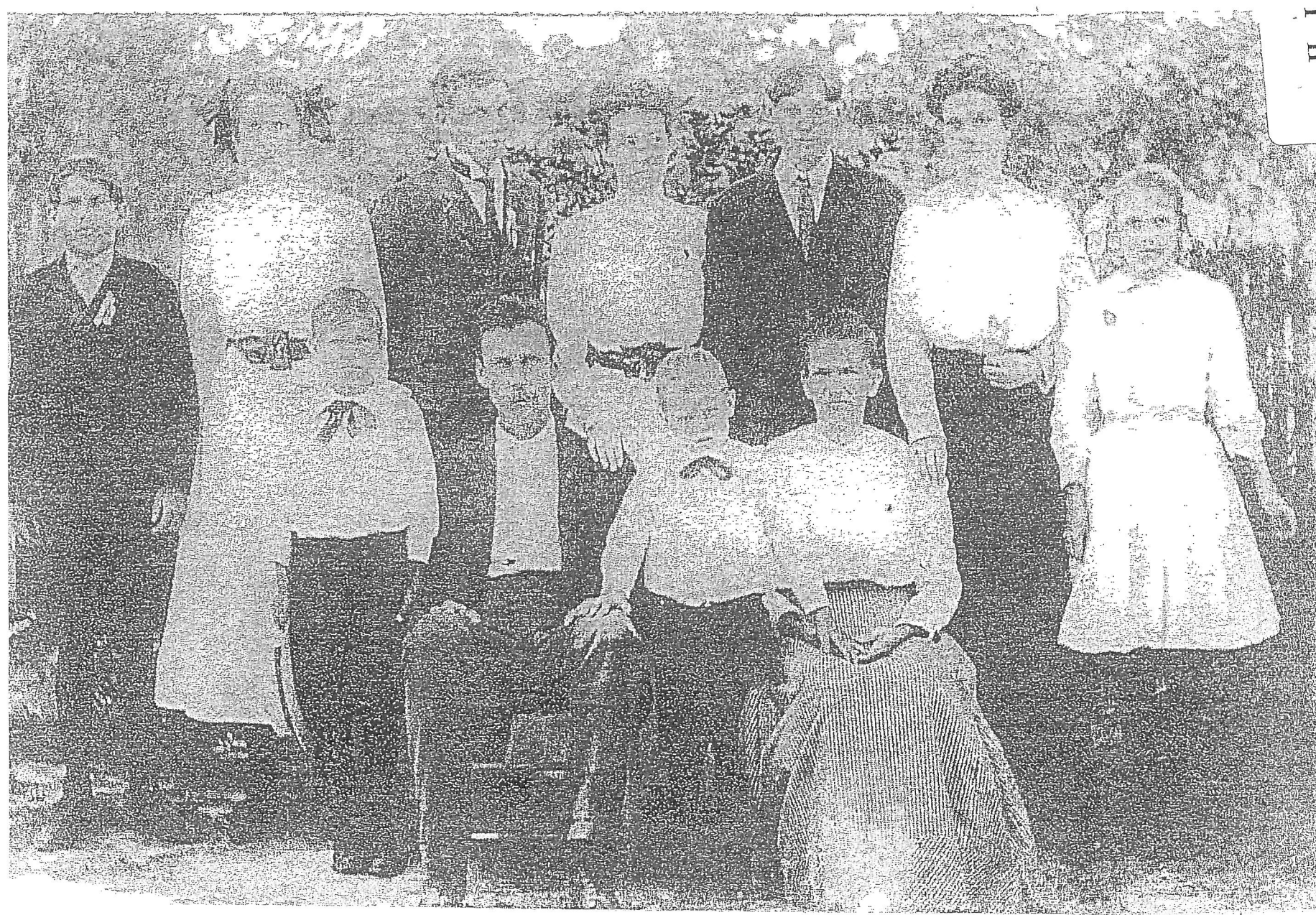
John Henry
Cumbest, Jr.

Candacey Jones
Cumbest

John Henry Cumbest Jr. is the son of John Henry Cumbest Sr. and grandson of Simon Cumbest. John Henry Cumbest Jr. and his wife, Candacey Jones Cumbest, built a home on the south side of Cumbest Branch which runs into the east side of the Pascagoula River at Cumbest Bluff.



Simon Cumbest, father of John Henry Cumbest, Sr.; father of John Henry Cumbest, Jr.; father of Lyman Randall Cumbest; Father of Eli Lyman Cumbest; Father of Vertis Arvis "Sid" Cumbest. The above photo of Lyman Randall Cumbest and wife, Marselete Parker Cumbest is mother and father of ten children, one being Eli Lyman Cumbest.



1919 photo taken of the Lyman Randall Cumbest Family at the Lyman Randall Cumbest Homestead, Three Rivers, Jackson County, MS. The family members were (front row from left) Roy O. Cumbest, Lyman Randall Cumbest, Mack E. Cumbest, Marselete Parker Cumbest, (second row) Earl C. Cumbest, Melinda Cumbest Kirkwood, Manuel Cumbest, Rhoda Cumbest Kirkwood, Eli L. Cumbest, Drucilla Cumbest Braxton and Ilah Cumbest Faggard. Not pictured is Leon F. Cumbest. (next page) 25663



CUMBESTS - About 1921

Back Row: Earl, Rhoda, Roy, Ilah, Eli

Front Row: Manuel, Melinda, Mack, Drusilla, Grandpa Lyman, Grandma Massey
Leon



Lyman Randall Cumbest - W. F. R.
Maiselete Parker Cumbest - "Masse" Grandmother

CUMBEST FAMILY LINEAGE

of

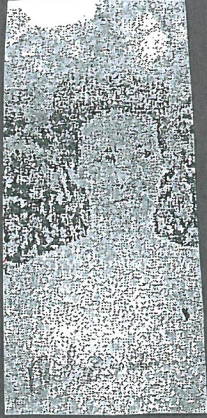
LYMAN RANDALL CUMBEST
AND
MARSELETE PARKER CUMBEST

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE AT DEATH</u>
I.	LYMAN RANDALL CUMBEST (fifth child born to John Henry Cumbest Jr. and Candacey Jones Cumbest)	5-11-1858	3-17-1924	65
II.	MARSELETE PARKER CUMBEST (daughter of Joseph J. Parker and Sarah Tanner, his second wife)	5-9-1867	1-17-1940	72
CHILDREN (10):				
1.	SARAH DRUCILLA CUMBEST, a/k/a LUCILLE DRUSILLA CUMBEST BRAXTON	6-4-1885	11-25-1927	42
2.	JULIA RHODA CUMBEST KIRKWOOD	4-13-1888	12-28-1971	83
3.	EMANUEL B. CUMBEST	1-20-1891	7-25-1952	60
4.	MALINDA LAURA CUMBEST KIRKWOOD	2-24-1893	9-27-1963	70
5.	ELI LYMAN CUMBEST	3-29-1895	1-22-1953	57
6.	EARL COWAN CUMBEST	8-03-1897	12-29-1975	78
7.	ILAH DORA CUMBEST FAGGARD	4-10-1900	8-11-1955	55
8.	ROY O'NEAL CUMBEST	6-20-1903	4-05-1957	53
9.	MACK ELVIS CUMBEST	1-11-1906	12-10-1975	69
10.	LEON FULLER CUMBEST	4-24-1913	2-25-1976	63

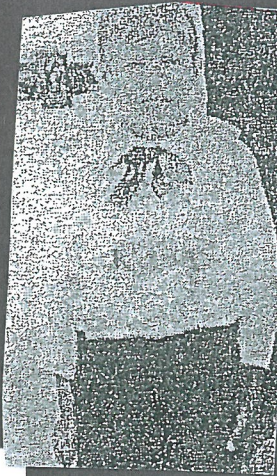
The one room school known as the "Red Hollow School" was on the East side of Highway 63 about one mile from the home of Lyman Randall Cumbest and wife who had ten children. The Archives Office in Pascagoula has public records of Red Hollow School in Jackson County. All ten



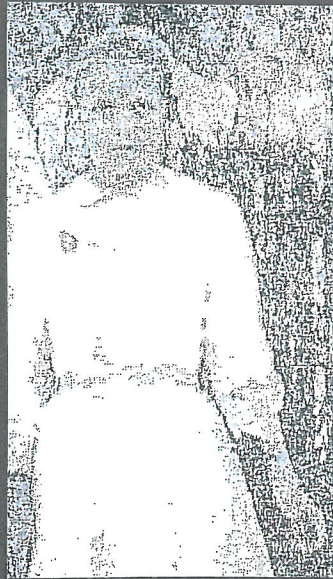
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Rhoda Cumbest Kirkwood



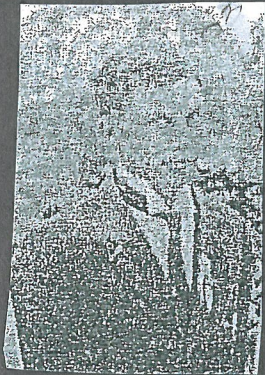
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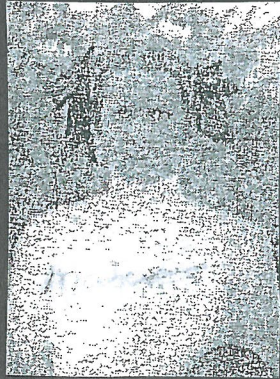
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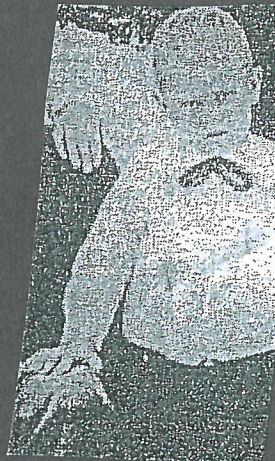
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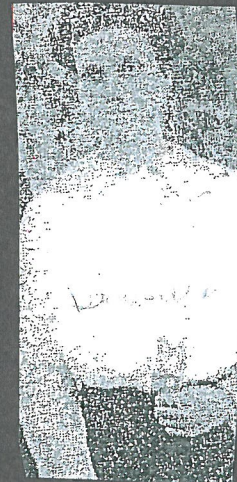
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Melinda Cumbest Kirkwood



Mack E. Cumbest



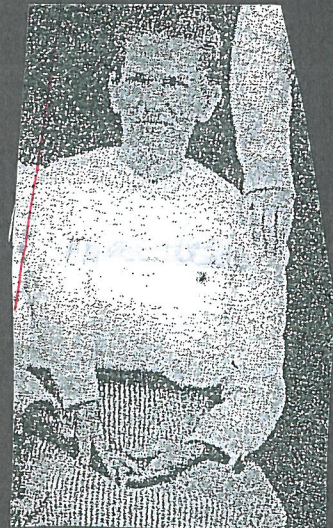
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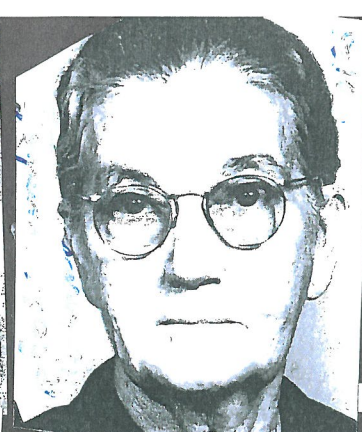
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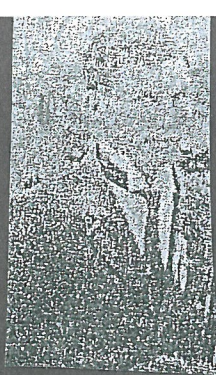
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Drucilla Cumbest



Emanuel B. Cumbest



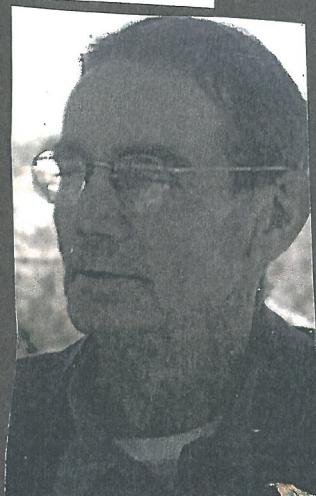
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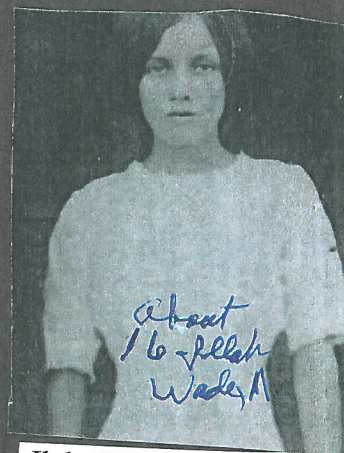
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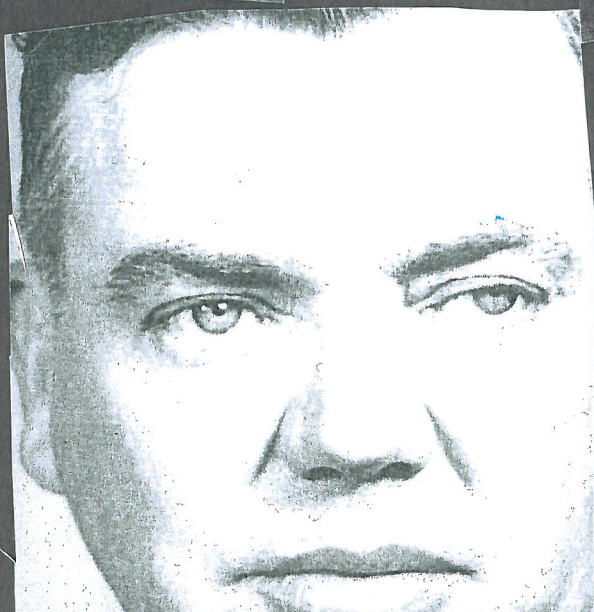
Earl Cowan Cumbest



Ilah Cumbest Faggard



Ilah Cumbest Faggard



Roy Cumbest



Mack Elvis Cumbest



Leon Fuller Cumbest

1914-15-16

SCHOOL REGISTER

Name of School

Caswell Springs

Located at

Three Rivers

in

Jackson

County, Mississippi.

Taught by

Ecila L. Watson (M. Carter)

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Sid got these Records from Archives
record. Help by Betty Rogers
Jackson County, Pascagoula 2002

Record of Educable Children in Cumell Springs District.

With Names and Residence of Parents.

1914-15-16

RESIDENCE.

Dorothea Cumbert m. Bratton

NAMES OF PARENTS

S. T. R.

NAMES OF CHILDREN

AGE

SEX

REMARKS

Bratton Mr. Adam				Dorothea	8	f.	
Cumbert Mr. L. R.				(Eli)	19	m.	Children of
"				Malindale	21	f.	Sy man
"				Earl	17	m.	Randall
"				Ila	15	f.	Cumbert
"				Ray	11	m.	and
"				(Mick)	9	m.	Marslett
"				Randal	14	m.	Cumbert
"				Delia	12	f.	
"				Drum	7	m.	
"				Gertie	6	f.	
"				Earny	5	m.	
"				Kay	13	m.	
"				Alfa	11	f.	
"				Bessie	9	f.	
"				Gladye	8	m.	
"				Leslie	6	f.	
"				Gilbert	6	m.	
"				Adelle	16	f.	
"				George	21	m.	
"				Melvin	20	m.	
"				Andy	16	m.	
"				Ally	14	m.	
"				Lop	10	m.	
"				Florrie	9	f.	
"				Lillian	7	f.	
"				Mary	15	f.	
"				Preston	10	m.	
"				Lorne	12	m.	
"				Elna	6	f.	
"				Louise	15	f.	
"				Willis	13	m.	
"				Sammy	12	m.	
"				Alma	10	f.	
"				Ernest	8	m.	
"				Willie	16	m.	

7 children
3 on other
Lynna Randall Cumbert
Son of John H. Cumbert Jr.
& Candacy (Fourth Son)
of Simon
1914

Nelson Mr. Drong
Scarbro Mr. J. A.

Kennedy Mr. Murdoch

Hearndon Mr. Willie

Shannon Mr. H.

SCHOOL REGISTER.

1892-93.

Name of School *Crawell Springs*

Located at *Three Rivers*

In *Jackson* County, Mississippi

Taught by *W. H. H. H.*

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Wesley Jeff	4	5	6	L'oral Jeff	6	"
Jamie Davis	3	5	6	Lillie Davis	7	"
"				Lulu Davis	5	"
J. M. Raby	2	6	5	Alba Raby	9	"
Milton Parker	3	5	6	Bertha Parker	9	"
"				Martha Parker	7	"
Jeff Kirkwood	5		6	Laura Kirkwood	19	"
"				Eleanor Kirkwood	15	"
"				Edna Kirkwood	13	"
"				Gida Kirkwood	9	"
"				Ada Kirkwood	5	"
Jas. Kennedy	14	5	6	Hannie Kennedy	14	"
"				Olivia Kennedy	12	"
"				Ruby Kennedy	6	"
Milton Carter	24	5	6	Bessie Carter	19	"
Noah Carter	11	5	6	Ellen Carter	17	"
"				Fannie Carter	9	"
John Cumbest	2	5	6	Adella Cumbest	7	"
George Cumbest		5	6	Louisa Cumbest	14	"
Ignace Cumbest	11	5	6	Dorisille Cumbest	7	"
"				Rhoda Cumbest	5	"
Rufus Parker	3	5	6	Nancy Parker	19	"
"				Estelle Parker	17	"
"				Aseline Parker	15	"
Leopu Parker	12	5	6	Louise Parker	13	"
"				Pearl Parker	11	"
"				Viola Parker	9	"
"				Vermelle Parker	7	"
A. A. Vaughan	36	5	6	Louisa Vaughan	14	"
				Emma Vaughan	9	"
L. W. Herndon	10	5	6	Annie Herndon	17	"
"				Jamie Herndon	15	"
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SCHOOL REGISTER

Name of School

1884

Located at Three Rivers

In Jackson County, Mississippi.

Taught by

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ATTENDANCE IS MARKED X.

Commencing Dec 30

Lined Cornstarch Fluff

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SCHOOL REGISTER.

1892-93.

Name of School Caswell Springs (Public School)

Located at Three Rivers Escatawpa
(also called Red Hallow School).

In Jackson County, Mississippi

Taught by MISS EULA CARTER (Coleman)
SUSIE CARTER & Cap Johnson

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See got from archiving records kept by
Miss Betty Rogers Jackson County Escatawpa

The school register in 1892 and 1893 named Caswell Springs Public School in Three Rivers Escatawpa was also known as Red Hallow Public School. It was found in the archives offices where all land and school records were moved from Jackson County Chancery Clerks office. Some of the teachers in 1892 and 1893 were Mrs. Eula Carter Coleman, Susie Carter and Cap Johnson.

EXHIBIT "J(1)"

RESIDENCE.

NAMES OF PARENTS.	Sec.	T.	R.	NAMES OF CHILDREN.	Age.	Sex.	REMARKS.
Mr. Parker	12	5	6	Huldah Parker	6	girl	
Vesley Giff	4	5	6	Coral Giff	6	"	
Ames Davis	3	5	6	Lillie Davis	7	"	
"				Lulu Davis	5	"	
M. Raby	26	5	6	Alba Raby	9	"	
Hilton Parker	8	5	6	Betha Parker	9	"	
"				Martha Parker	7	"	
Jeff Kirkwood	5		6	Laura Kirkwood	19	"	
"				Eleanor Kirkwood	18	"	
"				Eidna Kirkwood	13	"	
"				Gilda Kirkwood	9	"	
"				Ada Kirkwood	5	"	
W. Kennedy	14	5	6	Winnie Kennedy	14	"	
"				Olive Kennedy	12	"	
"				Ruby Kennedy	6	"	
Hilton Carter	24	5	6	Bessie Carter	19	"	
W. Carter	"	5	6	Ellen Carter	17	"	
"				Fannie Carter	9	"	
Wm. Cumbest	2	5	6	Adella Cumbest	7	"	
George Cumbest	5		6	Louisa Cumbest	14	"	
Wm. Cumbest	11	5	6	Dausilla Cumbest	7	"	
"				Rhoda Cumbest	5	"	
Wm. Parker	3	5	6	Nancy Parker	4	"	
"				Estella Parker	17	"	
"				Rebecca Parker	15	"	
Wm. Parker	12	5	6	Louise Parker	13	"	
"				Pearl Parker	11	"	
"				Viola Parker	9	"	
"				Vermelle Parker	7	"	
A. Vaughan	36	5	6	Louise Vaughan	14	"	
				Emma Vaughan	9	"	
W. Herndon	13	5	6	Annie Herndon	17	"	
"				Jamie Herndon	15	"	
"				Mary Herndon	13	"	
"				Ada Herndon	10	"	
Land Giff	9	5	6	Ruth Giff	12	"	
				Wendell Giff	7	"	

Neelia Goff

Neelia Goff married Eli Lymon Cumbest. They had seven children. Two were born in Moss Point, Mississippi, and five were born at their home in Wade, Mississippi bought in 1916. When Eli and his wife were first married they operated a boarding house in Moss Point to feed people working at saw mill. In 1916 they moved to Wade. Eli worked as a timber estimator. Later he worked for Roy O. Cumbest saw mill in Wade, Mississippi on the west side of Highway 63.



Neelia Goff - B. 2/13/1898
Died Cumbest Mother
when a young girl
in Wade, Miss.



Lug Cumtut's Mom
Neelia Sarah Duff Cumtut
Date of Death 10/21/1986

Eli Cumhart



Eli Lyman Cumhart
D.O.B. 3/29/1895
D.O.D. 1/32/1953
Said Cumhart father
Said war near 38th Parallel
in Korea when father
Died. - over



Eli and Neelia Cumbest
Sid's mother and father



Neelia Cumbest



The home in the picture was bought by Eli and Neelia Cumbest in 1916 in Wade, MS. Standing in front of the home left to right is Sid, Lloyd, father Eli, Gerald, Dennis, and Donald. Lloyd and Dennis were born in the city of Moss Point, MS and other four brothers in the photo and Hilda were born at the house in Wade.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

STATE
FILE NO. 22992

PLACE OF BIRTH.
Jackson
Wade
Village

PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE DO NOT WRITE HERE
Registration Dist. No. 8746
Primary Reg. Dist. No. Reg. No. 211

FULL NAME OF CHILD
Vertie Virginia Cumbert

4. Twin, triplet or other? 5. Number in order of birth? 6. Is this a legitimate child? 7. Date of birth (Month) 16, 1929 Day 9

THE FATHER
Ali Cumbert
Escatawpa, Miss.
Age last birthday 34 years
Escatawpa, Miss.
of children born to this mother, 7
present birth

THE MOTHER
Full Maiden Name Neddie Goff
Full P. O. Address Escatawpa, Miss.
Color white
Age last birthday 31 years
Where Born? Wade, Miss.
Occupation Housewife
Number of children of this mother now living including present birth 6

21. CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*
I certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Brimoline, at 10 P. M.
Born alive or stillborn
(Signature) Mrs. W. W. Goff. M. D.

Time added from a supplemental Address
1929
22. Filed 8-10, 1929
No. 1-A.—(50M 4-1-27-JPCo. Registrar.

- 14 Jackson County Circuit Court Rm
- 1 Joe Martin Circuit Clerk gives
 - 2 Sid Cumbest County Prosecuting Attorney Certificate Com 1988
 - 3 J.C. May
 - 4 Rexaeds Tax Collector
 - 5 Gerald Wayne Jones
 - 6 Carner

Joe Martin, First Term as Circuit Clerk presenting award to Sid Cumbest, County Prosecutor (1988)





15) Susan, Shirley, Scott, Sandra, Sid, Stephen, Mother Neelia, and Sydney - (Mothers Home - Wade)



16) Kenny Smith, Sid, Dr. J. B. Davis, Joyce Smith, Shirley, and Lou Davis
- Trip to Jamaica (1969) -

Keith Carter, Lana Carter, Tonya Carter, Kay Cumbest Davis, Vicki Carter, Stephen Cumbest, Donna Vee Carter Davis - Second row: Sydney Cumbest, Mother Neelia Cumbest, and other great-grandchildren (all being grand and great-grandchildren of Neelia and Eli Cumbest)



Donald Cumbest, Hilda Cumbest Carter, Sid Cumbest, Gerald Cumbest, and Mother Neelia Cumbest

MISSISSIPPI

ALABAMA

LOCATOR MAP

Use this map for general locations of "Homes for Sale" and "Yard Sales" advertised in the newspaper.



Ed Cumbest T.E. Cap Johnson



Delivering New Purchased School Buses for Jackson County 1938 Roy Cumbest

FIRST IN STATE — Jackson County School District was the first in the state to have a school bus fleet comprised entirely of steel-bodied vehicles. Pictured here are buses that drivers in the photo brought back from Lebanon, Mich., in 1938. *The Mississippi Press* has identification on only a few of those pictured. The men identified are Craymon Bullock, bus driver and later county school board (fifth man from left, standing); Ed Ranegar of Escatawpa, school board member (seventh from left, standing in front row); W.H. Nelson of Nelson Motors through whom the buses were purchased (ninth from left); A.F. Megehee, county superintendent (10th from left); T.E. "Cap" Johnson, longtime president of the county school board (11th from left, standing); J. Leslie Nelson, bus driver who became coroner and justice of the peace (kneeling in front of Johnson) and Roy Cumbest, District 1 supervisor (extreme right, kneeling). When the county went to an all-steel-bodied bus fleet, other school districts in the state were still using a lot of the old wood-bodied vehicles.

Photo Courtesy of Carl Megehee

VERTIS ARVIS "SID" CUMBEST

SENIOR MEMBER OF
CUMBEST, CUMBEST, HUNTER & McCORMICK, P.A. LAW FIRM

Date of Birth: July 16, 1929, Jackson County, Mississippi
age 66 years.

Married: Shirley Atwood Cumbest

Children: Five

Education: Wade, Mississippi, Wade High School - 1948
Graduated from University of Southern Miss. 1951-1952
Graduated Jackson School of Law in 1958

Admitted to Practice Law August 1, 1958

Served as City Attorney and Prosecutor for City of Moss Point,
five years; Part-time Prosecutor for the City of Pascagoula,
twelve years; Jackson County Prosecutor, 8 years - elected twice.

Practice Law for more than thirty years in the field of Civil and
Criminal litigation.

Military Service:

Service No. US 53 1092 291, U. S. Army Signal Corp, inducted
Sept. 21, 1951; effective date Separation June 20, 1953;

Blood Type - A

Member of:

Jackson County Bar Association
Mississippi State Bar - *since 1958 over 50 yrs.*
American Bar Association
American Inns of Court (only 3 charters in Mississippi)

Many other Civic and Fraternal Organizations
Past President (1) Jackson County Bar Association
(2) Jackson County Shrine Club
(3) Noon Day Lions Club

Lifetime Membership, and member more than 34 years:

Elks Club
VFW Club
American Legion Club
Mason and 32 deg. Shriner
Miss State Bar - 50 yrs +

Member of:

Caswell Springs United Methodist Church *Wade, Miss.*
Associate Member, Eastlawn United Methodist Church
Pascagoula Miss.

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31 $\Rightarrow$ LYMAN R. CUMBEST Homo

18-190 Lampken Road
from Hwy 90
North to Lucedale
Mississippi

ON 15 acre ^{lot} below
Jhon H. CUMBERST ^{jr.} wife
CANDACEY JONES CUMBERST
adjacent and south
branch - quiet home.

BRANCH - built home.
for Lyman Randall Cumbert born 1800

for Lyman Randall married in 1850. Called
 later - moved - Lyman married in 1850. Called
 Grantham Massey.

HAD 10 children Page 79-look

to Cornbelt
Bluffs
about 1800

Combat Branch
to Combat Branch
DUMP 5000
Fine Shells and Iron Stacks

15 acre
low suit
1805
1390 in

PASLAGOULA RIVER

Land Bought
1/20/1880

DB Doc 36 page 362

By John H. CUMBERT, Sr.

Plot of a Survey
made April 11th & 12th 1905
by F. Hess, C.E.
Scale 1" = 2 chains = 132'

SW. NW 1/4 26.

NOTES ON SID CUMBEST

Vertis Arvis Cumbest, also known as Sid Cumbest, was 66 years of age on July 16, 1995, lifelong resident of Jackson County, Mississippi.

Cumbest has fond thoughts of his family history and heritage in Jackson County, Mississippi. Land records and history reflects in the year of 1799 Simon Cumbest (wife, Elizabeth), was granted a Spanish Land Grant in this county located on the Pascagoula River near the Griffin Cemetery, Moss Point, Claim No. 102. Simon's son, John (Henry) Cumbest (wife, Madlein Phoal), was granted a Land Patent on July 12, 1848, by President James K. Polk, re-recorded August 7, 1954 (prior deed recorded burned) in Deed Book 142, Page 448, Land Deed Records of Jackson County, Mississippi, for 640 acres in Escatawpa; today I-10 highway comes through this parcel of property. On February 2, 1832, John H. Cumbest purchased a parcel of the tract of land originally patented by Richard Roberts, Cumbest Bluff, on the East side of the Pascagoula River. He died before moving, so his widow, Madlein, purchased other land from heirs of Richard Roberts, Cumbest family moved from the John H. Cumbest claim in Escatawpa to what is now known and referred to as "Cumbest Bluff." (p.21, Melba Allen book).

There has been extensive search made, but there is no known fact as of this time as to how "Bayou Cumbest" received its name. It is a Bayou located in the eastern part of the ^{Jackson} County, extending North, from the Gulf of Mexico. It is obvious that in the early days, settlers were coming into this area with boats or schooners, horses and wagons for transportation.

Sid is the 5th generation of Simon Cumbest. He and his children and grandchildren would be of the 6th and 7th generations of Simon Cumbest. Sid is the youngest of seven children born to Eli Lyman and Neelia Goff Cumbest. Sid's son, Scott Cumbest and wife, Lynn, is as of this date now living and residing on the old homestead, in the Three Rivers/Wade Community and is located on a road named after Sid's mother, Neelia S. Cumbest.

Sid graduated from Wade High School in 1948; University of

Southern Mississippi and from the Jackson Law School. After his graduation, he moved to Pascagoula to enter into law practice with his brother, Donald W. Cumbest; in 1959 he was appointed and served five (5) years as City Attorney and Prosecutor in Moss Point; served twelve years as Prosecutor for the City of Pascagoula; was elected and served eight years as Prosecuting Attorney for Jackson County, after which he felt it was time to step out of politics and did not run for re-election.

Sid is married to Shirley Atwood Cumbest, who is now nearing completion of her studies at the University of Georgia for a P.H.D. Degree in Philosophy of Psychology. They are the parents of five children, and have three grandchildren. Each of their five children have attended and completed colleges for degrees of their choice. Another interesting note is that the name of each member of Sid and Shirley's family begin with "S", as in Susan, Scott, Sandra, Steven, and Sydney.

Sid has a lot of memories, his favorites being the time when he was inducted into the service on September 21, 1951, with Buddy Erlich, Carlton Cumbest, Midget Taylor, Jimmy Callahan, and Ben Briggs, Jr. Sid completed a Cryptographic Specialist course at Camp Gordon, Georgia, then was assigned to K. M. A. G. (Military Assignment in Korea) and after a 25-day boat ride from Camp Lewis, State of Washington, to Tokyo, Japan, and then through the Indian Ocean to Inchon, Korea. The fond memory to Sid is when he reached Tokyo, Japan, December 18, 1951, his friend (then and now), Henry Torjuson of Pascagoula, treated Sid to an evening of pleasure (Christmas Eve Brunch in Japan). The next day was Christmas December 25, 1951; loud-mouth sergeant at the camp woke his men up at 6:00 A. M., and said "have your baggage ready to be loaded in thirty minutes standing in front of your barrack." All were transported by ship to Inchon, Korea.

Sid remembers that just prior to being shipped overseas, spent several days at home, and this is the last time that he saw his father. The memory is that his father's words "This is part of your duty and you will be home soon." January 1952 was when Sid received message that would be shipped back home and did not know that my father had died until I got back in Moss Point,

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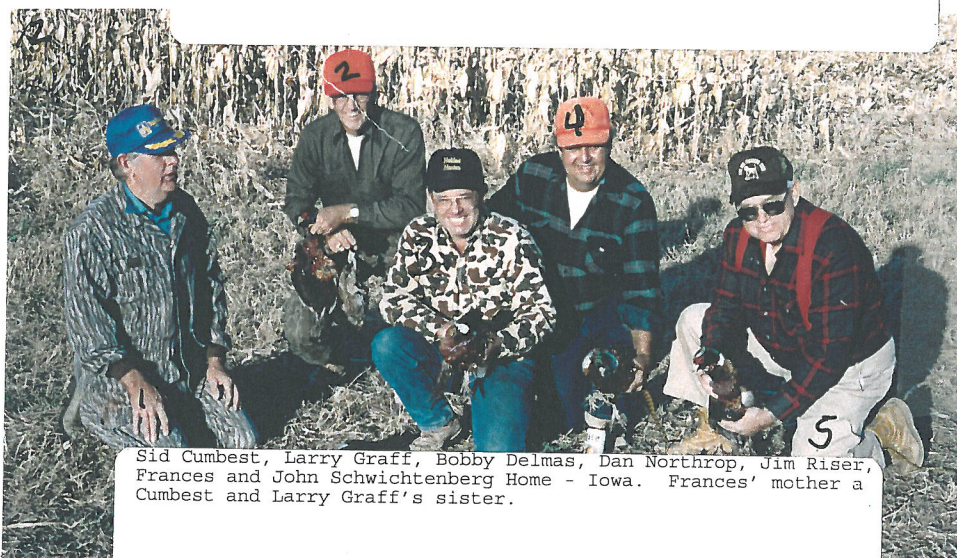
Mississippi. My dad had been buried for five days before I got home since no knowledge was forwarded back home that I could come. I did not have to go back to Korea since it was a government rule at that time that anybody who had less than nine (9) months to serve did not have to be shipped back overseas.

Looking back at his discharge papers, Sid saw that he received a bronze medal during his service, cannot recall what he did that would entitle him to this medal, with the exception that he was about the only truck driver that could make a round-trip in the same day to deliver good water back to his camp located at the 38th Parallel. This area is now the 38th Parallel dividing North and South Korea.



Sid Cumbest - Pheasant Hunting
Lake City, Iowa

Pheasants



Sid Cumbest, Larry Graff, Bobby Delmas, Dan Northrop, Jim Riser, Frances and John Schwichtenberg Home - Iowa. Frances' mother a Cumbest and Larry Graff's sister.



Jim Riser, Sid Cumbest - Pheasant and Quail



Sid Cumbest, Bill Ellzey, Carlton Cumbest, Marlow "Tubb" Goff - 1947 - When in High School (Taken at Moss Point)



Ball players: 1. Willard Kennedy, 2. Sid Cumbest, 3. Hensel Kirkwood, 4. A.E. Bradley, 5. Leroy Pierce, 6. Junior Carter, 7. Sam McMillian, 8. Carlton Cumbest, 9. Marble Tilly, 10. Fred Diamond

photo Wate High School Ball Team
 Year 1946. DIRT COURT. High 614 to the
 back. Three Miles East is New East
 Central High School Toward HURLEY, MISS.



I killed two gobblers/turkeys while sitting in the first field deer house. The gun jammed or I would have killed a third gobbler/turkey. I was told eleven years later that it is illegal to kill three turkeys in one day in Mississippi now.



The antique police car is on display at the police department in ^{Jackson}~~Oxford~~, MS. It is similar to Sid and Shirley's first car.



Sid and Scott Cumbest, Keith Carter - Duck Hunt - Pumpkin Pen

JACKSON COUNTY, Mississippi

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Sid Cumbest - First Gobbler killed, Prichard home, Jefferson County, Miss



Opal Smith, Gary Smith, and Sid Cumbest - Moss Point, at High School Get-together, 1993.



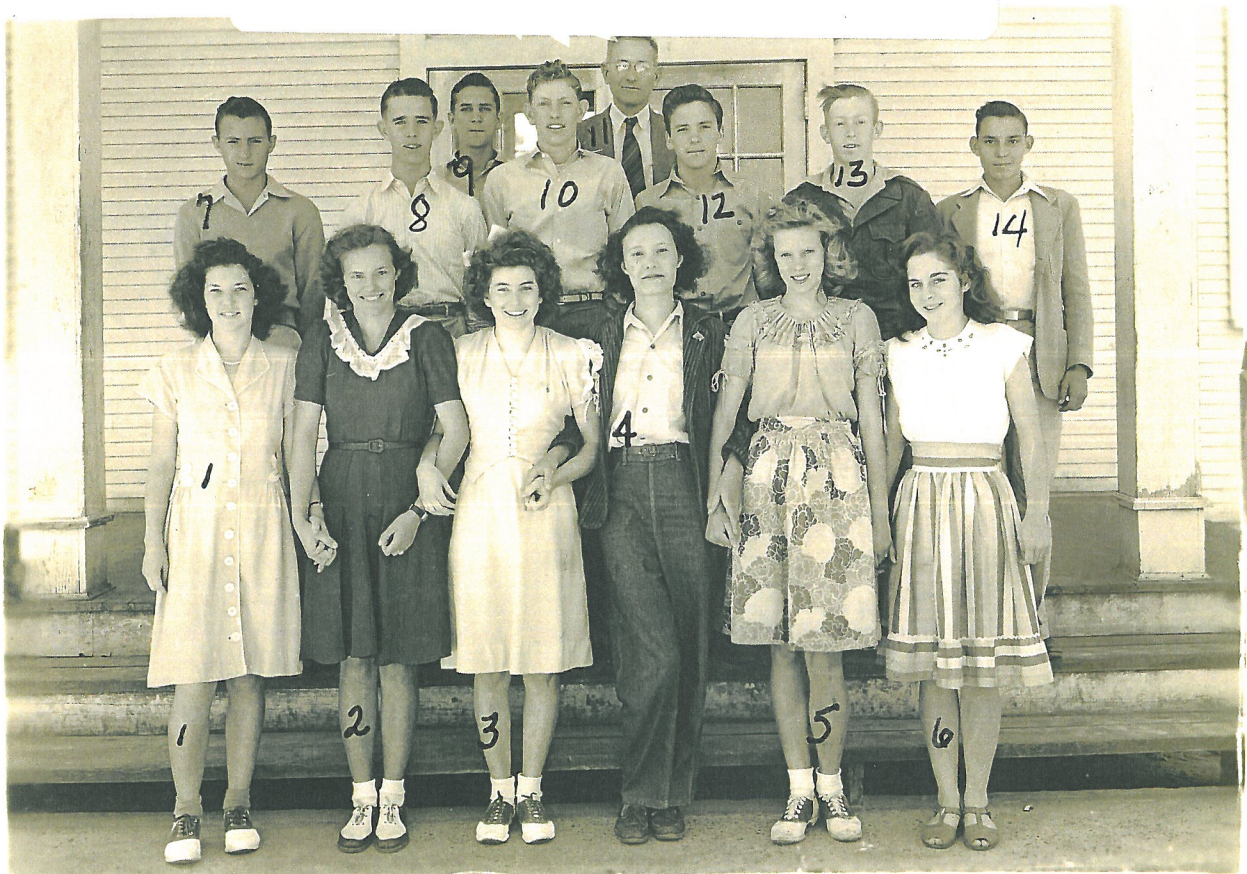
Sid Cumbest and Herbert Dryden - 1994 Cumbest Reunion

33 Sid Cen
 42 Sam M
 16 Carlton
 15 Marble
 30 Honsel Kirk.
 Wood
 Sent Coach
 A.E. Bradley
 Wade
 High
 School
 1947

42) Sam McMillian, Coach A.E. Bradley, 15) Marble Tilly, 33) Sid
 Cumbest, 16) Carlton Cumbest, 30) Hensel Kirkwood - FIRST TEAM



1) Ruthie Mae Cumbest, 2) Myrtle Randle, 3) _____
 4) Maxine Carter, 5) Bobbie Jean Brooks, 6) Dolores Page, 7) Fred
 Diamond, 8) Junior Carter, 9) Loren Kirkwood, 10) Sid Cumbest,
 Principal A.E. Bradley, 12) Leroy Pierce, 13) J.B. Goff, 14) Roy Olen
 Porter - WADE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

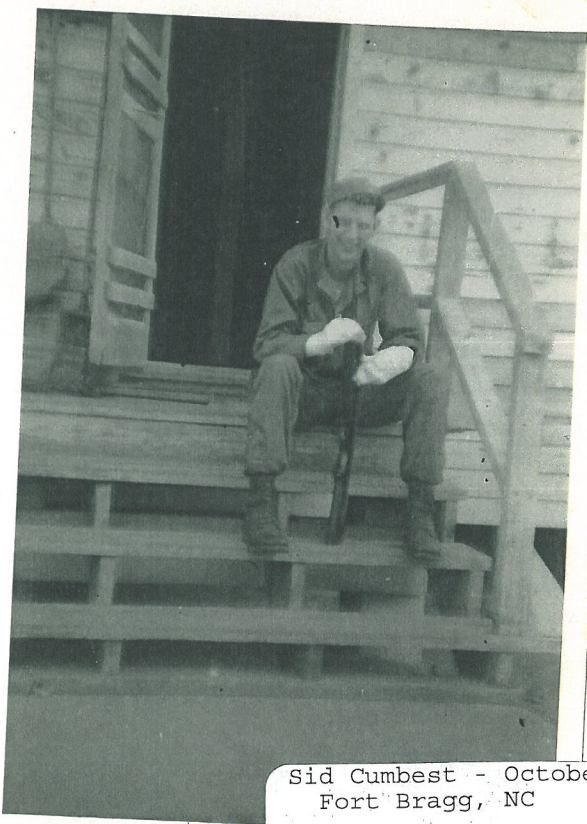




Sam McMillian, Marble Tilly, Sid Cumbest, Hensel Kirkwood, Carlton Cumbest



Roy Olen Porter, Fred Diamond, Junior Carter, A.E. Bradley, 35) Leroy Pierce, 31) Williard "Billy" Kennedy, 42) Sam McMillian, 15) Milton Marble Tilly, 16) Carlton Cumbest, 30) Hensel Kirkwood, 33) Sid Cumbest



Sid Cumbest - October 1991
Fort Bragg, NC

CHARACTER OF SEPARATION		REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES		DEPARTMENT	
HONORABLE				ARMY	
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME		SERVICE NUMBER		GRADE - RATE - RANK AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT	
CUMBEST ARVIS VERTIS		US 53 082 291		Pvt-1 11 May 53	
5. QUALIFICATIONS		EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION		4. COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS	
SPECIALTY NUMBER OF SYMBOL		DAY MONTH YEAR		AUS SIG C	
1805		20 Jun 53		Rel fr AD	
8. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION		15 May 52			
SR615-363-5 (PATS) Rel to KRM Cir 58 dtd		Camp Polk, La.			
10. DATE OF BIRTH		11. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State)		12. DESCRIPTION	
16 Jul 29		Wade, Miss.		Male Race Can Color Hair Brown Color Eyes Blue Height 72 Weight 165	
13. REGISTERED		14. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER (City County State)		15. INDUCTED	
YES NO		# 33 Pascagoula (Jackson) Miss.		DAY MONTH YEAR	
22-33-29-125				21 Sep 51	
16. ENLISTED IN OR TRANSFERRED TO A RESERVE COMPONENT		COGNIZANT DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND			
YES NO		Third			
17. MEANS OF ENTRY OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION		18. GRADE - RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE			
ENLISTED REENLISTED N/A COMMISSIONED CALLED FROM INACTIVE DUTY		Pvt-1			
19. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE		20. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (St R F D, City, County and State)			
DAY MONTH YEAR		RFD # 2 Box 133 Pascagoula (Jackson) Miss.			
21 Sep 51 Jackson, Miss.					
21. NET (None) SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD		A YEARS B MONTHS C DAYS		25. ENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE PAID ON EXTENSION OF ENLISTMENT IF ANY	
0 0 0				DAY MONTH YEAR AMOUNT	
22. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD		1 9 0		None	
23. OTHER SERVICE (Act of 16 June 1942 as amended) COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES		0 0 0		26. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE	
24. TOTAL NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES		1 9 0		YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
27. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED		KRM w/1 Bz Svc Star UN Svc Med		28	
28. MOST SIGNIFICANT DUTY ASSIGNMENT		29. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date if known)			
37th Sig co 37th Inf Div		None			
Camp Polk, Louisiana					
30. SERVICE SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES' COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND/OR POST-GRAD. COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED		DATES (From-To)		MAJOR COURSES	
The Signal School		1 Feb 52		Cry Pto Spec	
Camp Gordon, Ga.		9 Apr 52		None	
31. SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED					
GOVERNMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION: (A) Permanent plan premium must continue to be paid when due, or within 31 days thereafter or insurance will lapse. (B) Term insurance not under waiver same as (A) above. (C) Term insurance under waiver - premium payment must be resumed within 120 days after separation. Forward premiums on NSLI to Veterans Administration District Office having jurisdiction over the area shown in Item 47. Forward premiums on USGLI to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D C (See VA Pamphlet 9-3) When paying premiums give full name, address, Service Number, Policy Number(s) Branch of Service, date of separation. Contact nearest VA office for information concerning Government Life Insurance.					
32A. KIND & AMT. OF INSURANCE & MTHLY. PREMIUM		32B. ACTIVE SERVICE PRIOR TO 26-APRIL 1951		33. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED	
None		YES NO UNKNOWN		None	
35. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON SEPARATION		36. TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT		34. MONTH NEXT PREMIUM DUE	
\$ 134.16		\$ 20.34		None	
38. REMARKS (Continue on reverse)		39. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN			
No time lost under Sec 6a App 2b MCM 1951		JAMES E. MYRES			
Blood Gp "A" Due EM \$300 MOP		NAME, GRADE AND TITLE (Typed)			
EM due US Govt 20 days excess lv		JAMES E. MYRES			
Item 3: Pvt-2 (P) 21 Jun 52		1st Lt AGC Asst Adj.			
Rel fr AD & trf to ERC to compl total of 8 yrs		rol			
40. V. A. BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type)		41. COMPENSATION, PENSION, INSURANCE BENEFITS, ETC.		CLAIM NUMBER	
None		None		None	
41. DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT		42. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION		43. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER	
FROM TO		None 9-99-999		None	
None None					
44. UNITED STATES CITIZEN		45. MARITAL STATUS		46. NON-SERVICE EDUCATION (Years successfully completed)	
YES NO		Single		GRAM. MAR. HIGH SCHOOL COL. LEGE. DEGREE(S)	
1 YES		8 4 3		None	
				MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD	
				Acad. & Business Adm.	
47. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION (St., R.F.D., City, County and State)		48. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED			
See item 20		Arvis V. Lum best			

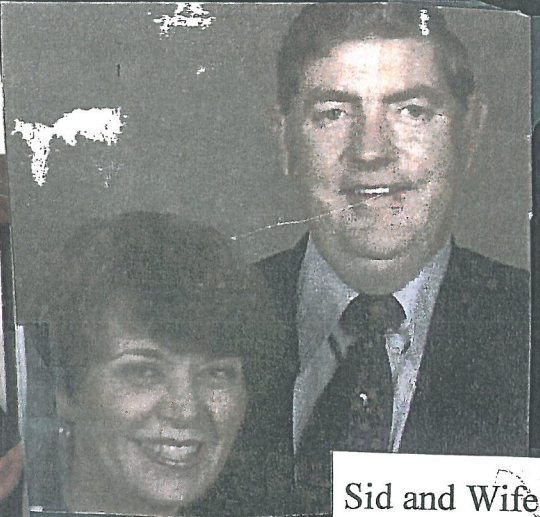
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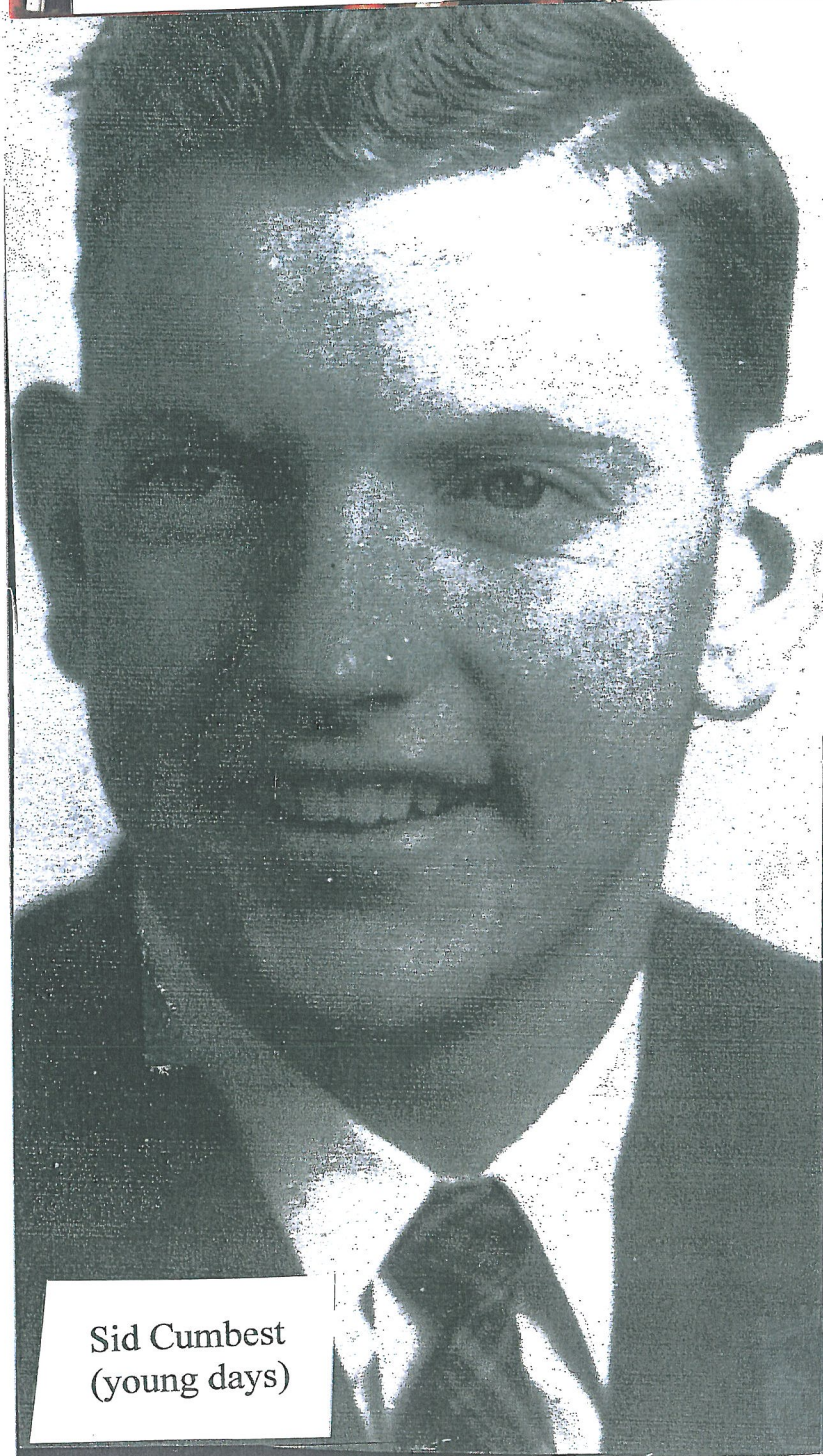
Sid and Shirlee
Vacationing in New ~~Mex~~
Mexico in my 80ies
good food - won't forget
yum-yum.



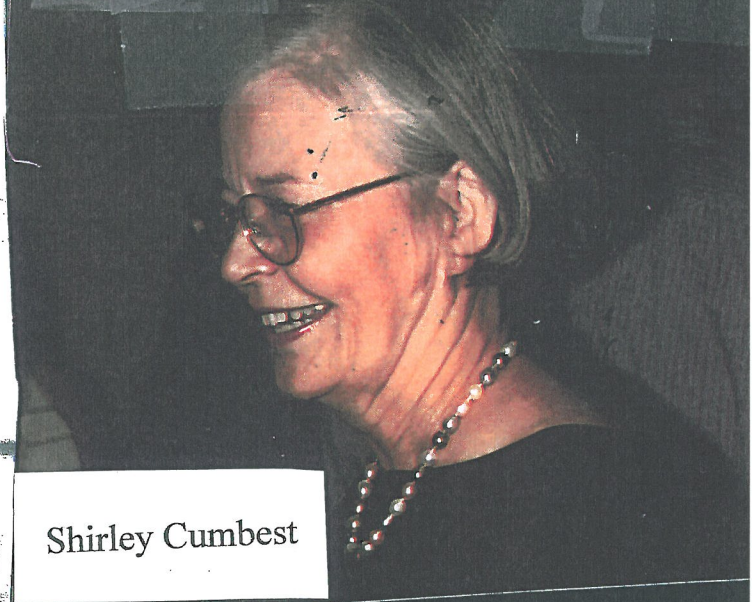
Shirley and Sid at Sid's 75 birthday celebration during lunchtime at Cat Fish Point restaurant in Wade, MS



Sid and Wife



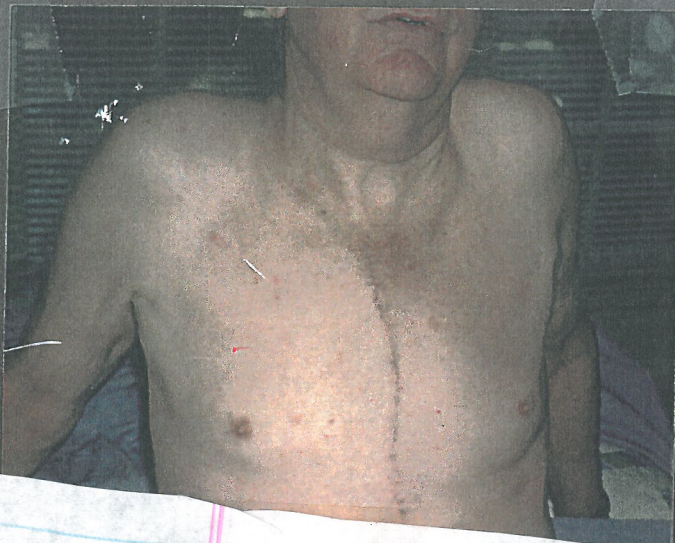
Sid Cumbest (young days)



Shirley Cumbest



Shirley laughing:
"That won't feed the children!"



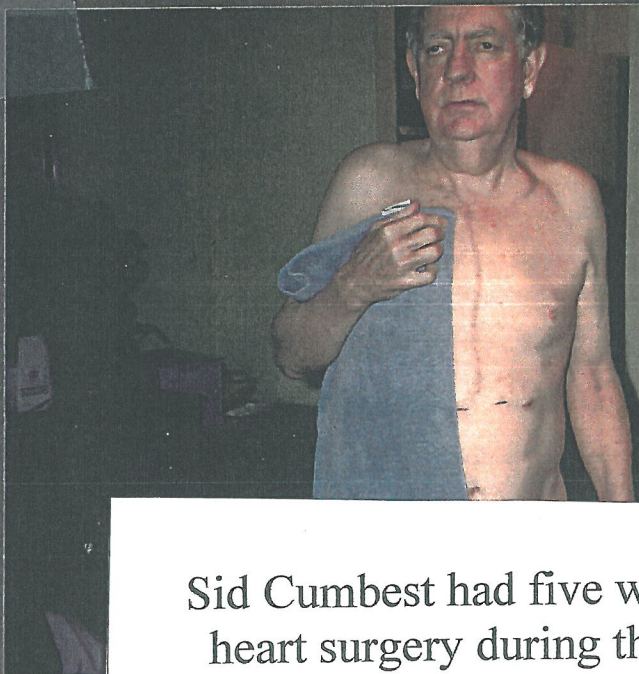
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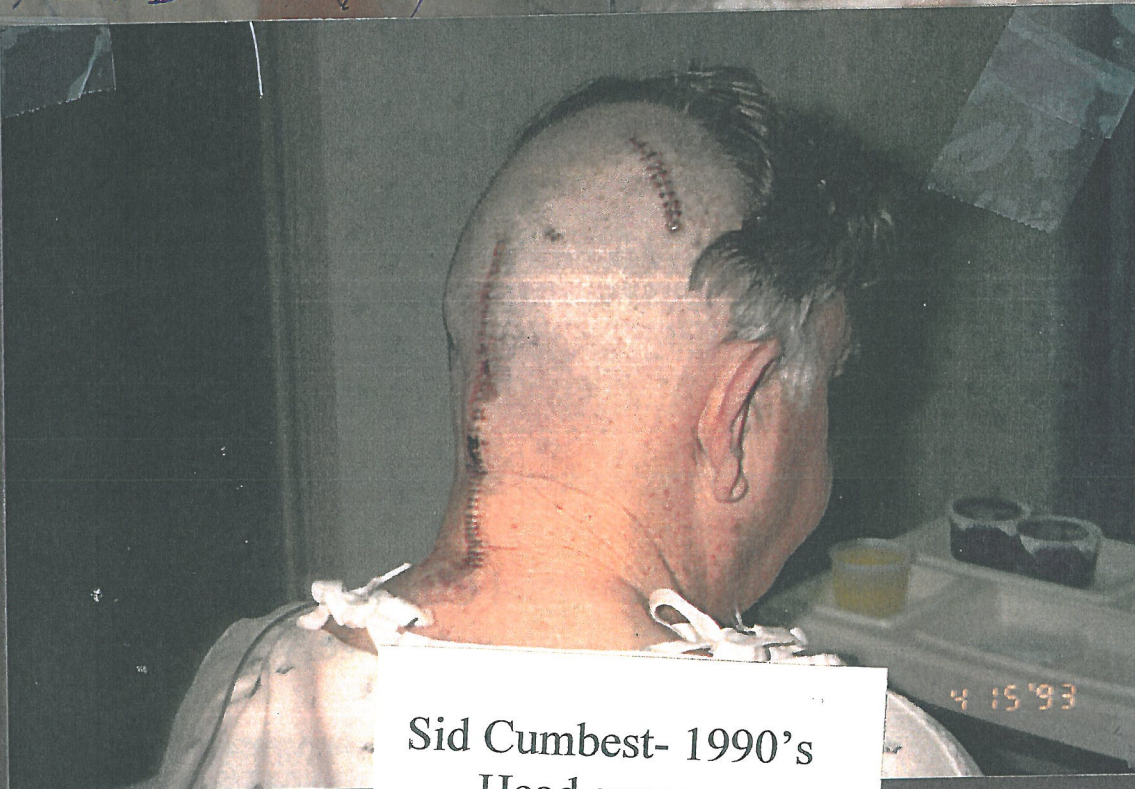
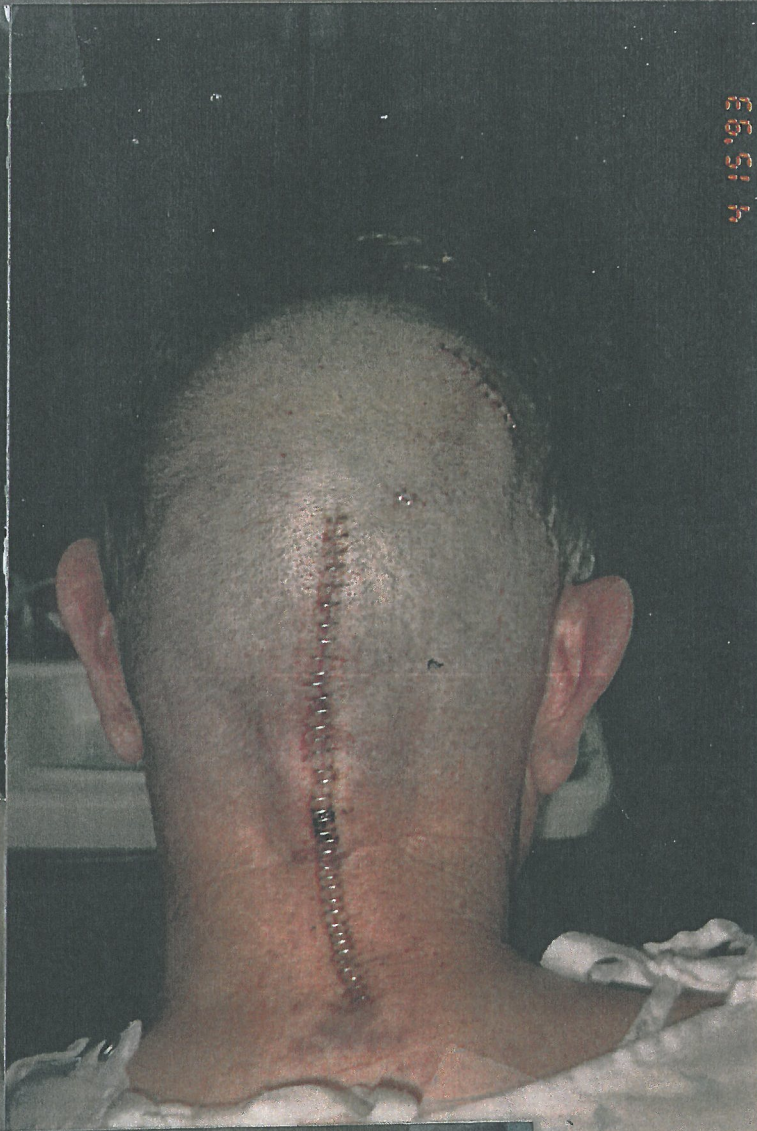
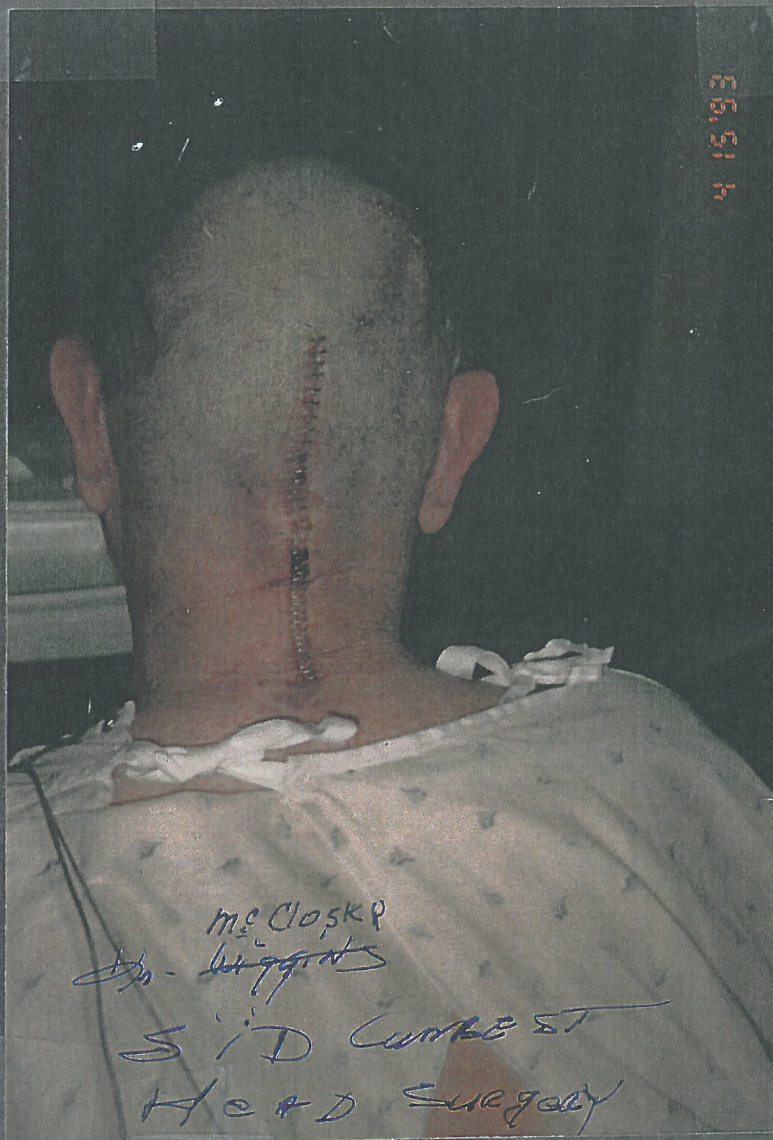
Arvis V. "Sid" Cumbest
DOB: 7/16/1929

Medical History

Ulcerative Colitis – 1960's
Appendix – 1970's
Vasectomy – 1970's
Five Heart By Pass – 1990's
4th Ventricle of the Brain – 1990's
(Epidermoid Tumor Removal)
Gall Bladder – Late 1990's
Lens Replacement – 1990's
Prostate Cancer – 1990's
Hernia Removed – 1990's
Aneurysm in Stomach (put in a stint)
Diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure
HEART Failure 2008 OK



Sid Cumbest had five way bypass
heart surgery during the 1990's



Sid Cumbest- 1990's
Head surgery

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1994

Surgery returns happiness

By RICHARD LUCAS

Director of Public Relations, Singing River Hospital System

Sid Cumbest is a familiar figure to most people in Jackson County. He grew up in Wade, has practiced law in Pascagoula for over 35 years and has held various public offices.

He's one of those people who never meets a stranger.

Two serious health problems Cumbest had to overcome in the past year were cause for concern for Sid and many of his friends and acquaintances.

In a nine month period Cumbest had major brain and heart surgery. Thankfully, due to prayer, Singing River Hospital, and local physicians, Cumbest is well and enjoying his grandchildren.

In April of 1993, Cumbest began experiencing intense headaches. "The pain across the top of my head was such that when it hit me, I could hardly control my movement," he said. "I went to Singing River Hospital for diagnostic X-rays and an MRI. Dr. John McCloskey was my attending physician, and I had complete faith in him to decide the proper course of treatment."

What Dr. McCloskey, neurosurgeon on the SRH medical staff, discovered was that Cumbest had an epidermoid tumor located on the fourth ventricle of the brain. McCloskey performed a posterior fossa craniectomy, a serious operation which, in this case, took about nine hours. The procedure was successful and Cumbest was able to go home after about three weeks in the hospital.

"I couldn't have asked for a better person to work with," said Dr. McCloskey. "Mr. Cumbest's very supportive attitude and unfailing kindness, even when confronted with a serious illness, were an inspiration to all of us involved in his care."

There have been very few complications — none serious — since the brain surgery. Follow-up treatment by Dr. McCloskey and SRH Neurologist Dr. Terry Millette put Cumbest back on his feet, headed back for his law practice and his beloved hobbies of hunting and fishing.

In fact, everything was going along fine until this past December, when chest pains started.

"I had actually had a hurting in my chest area on two different occasions several years ago," Cumbest said. "The out-of-town doctor I consulted told me to 'quit worrying, it's not a heart problem.' Unfortunately, that was not the case."

While on a visit with family to New York City in December, Cumbest encountered problems walking, and decided to stay in his hotel. Upon returning to Pascagoula, he experienced excruciating chest pain while driving to work on the morning of Dec. 22. The pain was so intense that

he drove straight to the emergency department at Singing River Hospital.

"That's probably the most severe pain I've ever felt in my life," he said. "It was so bad that when I got to the emergency department, I asked them if Dr. Kevorkian was nearby so that we could get this over with in a hurry. Kidding aside, I'm just lucky we have such competent people at Singing River, or I wouldn't have made it."

Cumbest was in dire straits — he had suffered a major myocardial infarction, a heart attack. Quick work by emergency department personnel stabilized the situation, and Dr. Joe Ballesteros, SRH Cardiologist, performed an emergency angioplasty, the "balloon" technique, which alleviated the immediate blockage problem.

A decision was made that cardiac surgery would be required to solve Cumbest's extensive heart problem. Dr. Michael Horowitz, SRH cardiac and thoracic surgeon, performed quintuple coronary artery bypass surgery on Jan. 5.

Dr. Horowitz bypassed five arteries in order to achieve an adequate blood supply to the heart muscle beyond the blockage. Almost miraculously, Cumbest was up and out of the hospital one week later.

"Sid was an outstanding patient," said Dr. Horowitz. "He understood all the information we gave him, and was very cooperative in doing what we asked."

Cumbest is pleased with the direction his heart treatment took. "I have nothing but just great things to say about Dr. Horowitz and Dr. Ballesteros. Having had the personal experience of going through a big-time heart problem and treatment at Singing River Hospital, I have the greatest respect for the entire range of service.

"Listen, being 64 years of age, I've been in Ochsner's Clinic, Browne-McHardy Clinic, Mobile Infirmary, and, of course, Singing River Hospital. I have to tell you that we have the number one hospital in the area right here in Jackson County, and all of us who live here should appreciate that and support the hospital system."

So, Cumbest is up and running. He has successfully come through two extensive health setbacks, but how does he really feel?

"I've always had a positive attitude to the point where, even at my age, I felt like I was 21 again, and wanted to go and act accordingly," he said. "The two major surgeries have tripped a lot of machinery in my system and my body to where I just know that I have to exercise more and give my health more attention. My family physician, Dr. Robert McBroom, is doing an excellent job of keeping me headed in the right direction. Overall, I am on the road to recovery, and I think I will soon be howling at the moon."

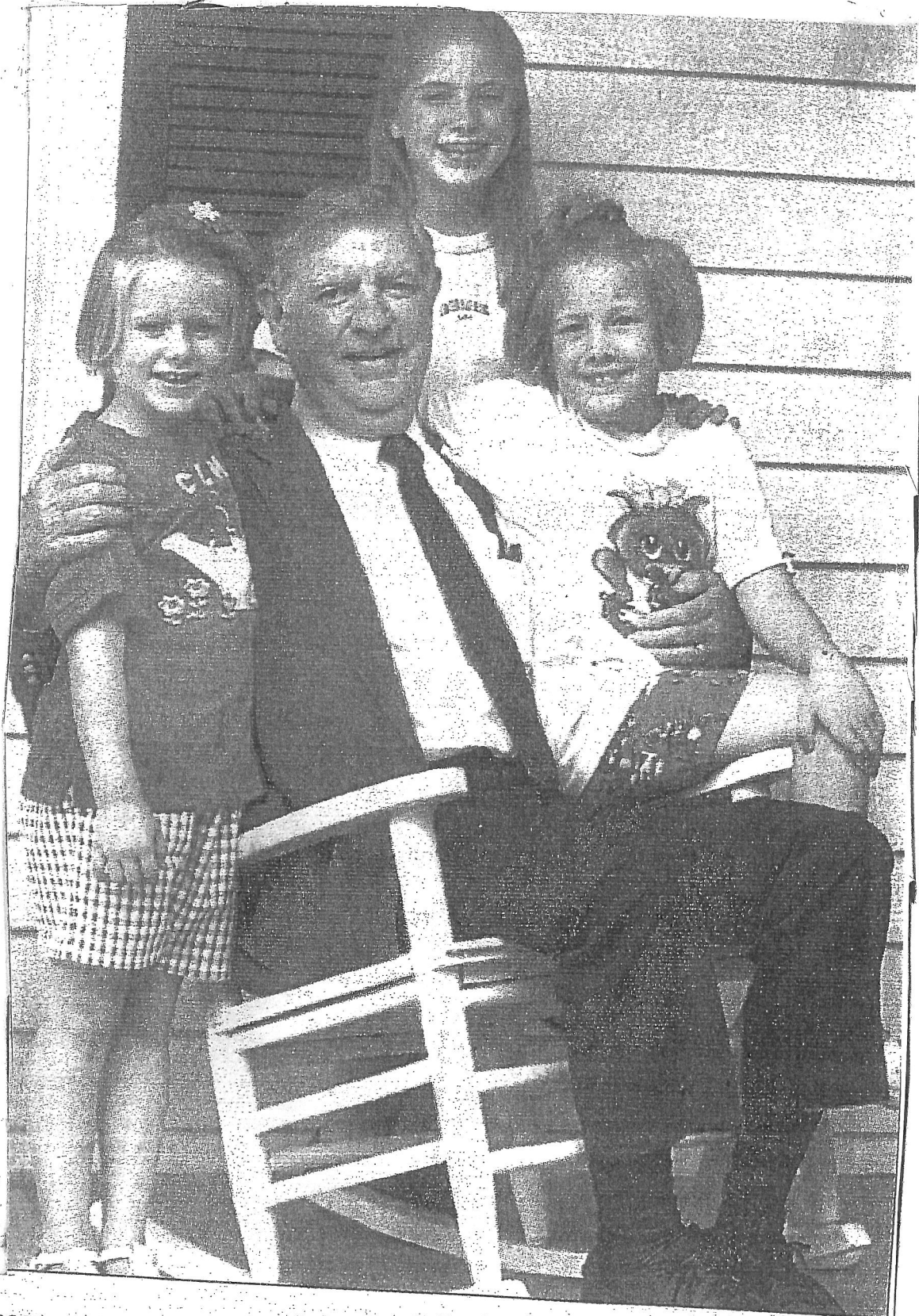
Sid Cumbest's health



Photo/Jerry Moulder

HUGS FOR GRAMPS — Sid Cumbest of Pascagoula enjoys the loving hugs he gets from his three granddaughters. They are (from left) Caroline

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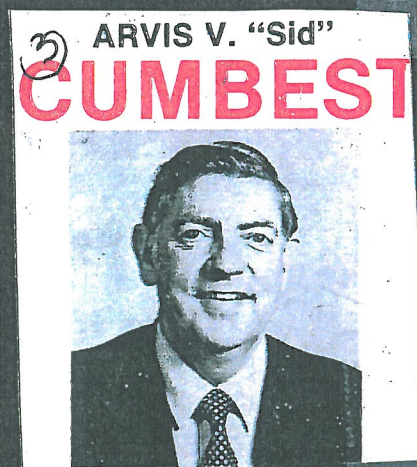
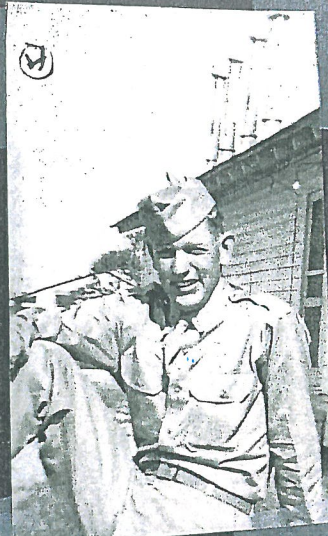


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Front porch of David and Susan's home. During April of 1993- several weeks after head surgery. Two grandchildren Madison and Cole were not born.



Pictures of Sid Cumbest through various times of his life including when he was in the service, ran for Jackson County Prosecutor, riding his blind horse bareback, studying law school, King of the Elks Ball and was also King of the V.F.W., standing with his father, Eli, and relaxing at his camp in Cumbest Bluff.

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HILARY
CUMBEST

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Caroline
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Sid Cumbest
after
hip
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Madison
Cumbest
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Cole
Cumbest



Sid Cumbest, 64 and all five of his grandchildren. Sarah Kathryn McCormick, 12; Hilary Cumbest, 7; Caroline McCormick, 5; Madison Cumbest, 5; and Cole Cumbest, 3.

5, recovering after
surgery 1995

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Susan David McCormick Home



Fishing Camp on the Pascagoula River, May 2005



Arvis V. "Sid" Cumbest



A. Scott Cumbest



Sid Cumbest - Stephen and Marie
Cumbest's Home, Atlanta, GA,
11/23/95, Thanksgiving



John Grisham, Sid Cumbest, David McCormick, Lt.
Governor Elect Ronnie Musgrove, Candace O'Barr
Holleman, and Susan Cumbest McCormick



Jerry Beckham and Sid Cumbest,
Queen and King - Elks Ball - 1993



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Jerry Beckham, Sid Cumbest
King and Queen, Elks Club -
1993 - Grand March



ARVIS CUMBEST



VINCENT BLACKWELL

Council Appoints Judge, Prosecutor

Arvis (Sid) Cumbest was appointed city judge, and Vincent Blackwell named city prosecutor Tuesday night by the Pascagoula mayor and council.

The appointments are effective Jan. 2 when the present judge, Kenneth B. Robertson, assumes his seat in the Mississippi Senate. Cumbest is currently serving as city prosecutor.

Cumbest, who lives at 56 Del Norte Circle is a native Jackson Countian, having been reared in the Wade community, and graduated from East Central School. He is married to the former Shirley Atwood of Raymond.

He received his B. S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his law degree

from the Jackson School of Law.

Cumbest served as city attorney for Moss Point in 1961-62, and was appointed city prosecutor for Pascagoula in 1961.

He is president of the Pascagoula Noon Lions Club, and
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~~Brumfields and the Bargain Annex open till 8 p.m. Monday through Friday Nights. Adv.~~



SID CUMBEST

Cumbest Named Lions President

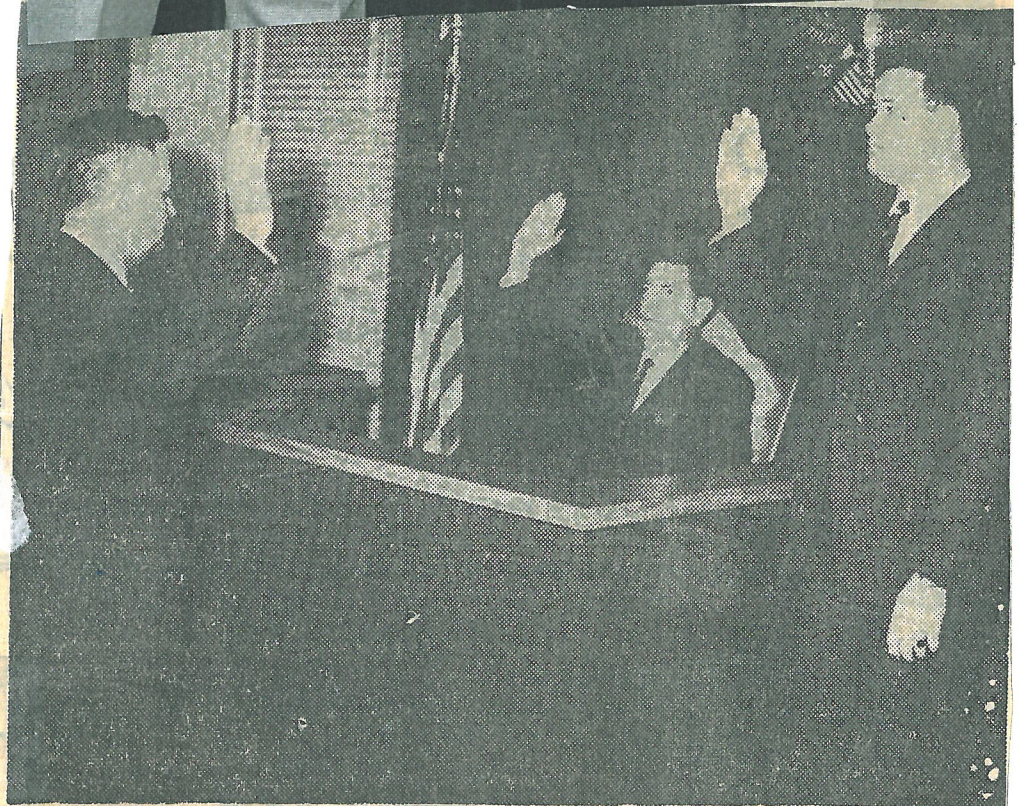
Arvis (Sid) Cumbest, city prosecuting attorney for Pascagoula, Monday was named as the new president of the Pascagoula Noon Lions Club.

The election highlighted the regular weekly meeting of the service club at Cotita's Restaurant. Cumbest will assume duties now performed by Jim Barber July 1.

Vice - presidents for the 1967-68 year are Herman Beckham, first; Arthur Sexton, second; and L. E. (Bud) Phillips, third. Lloyd Murphy is secretary-treasurer and Jim Blair, recording secretary.

John Wilkerson was elected lion tamer and Hilliard Slater, tail twister.

Directors named for two-year terms were Joe Shannon, Charles Jarrett and Horace Maynard. Holdover directors for another year are Frank Young, Arthur Pigott and Noble Gordon.



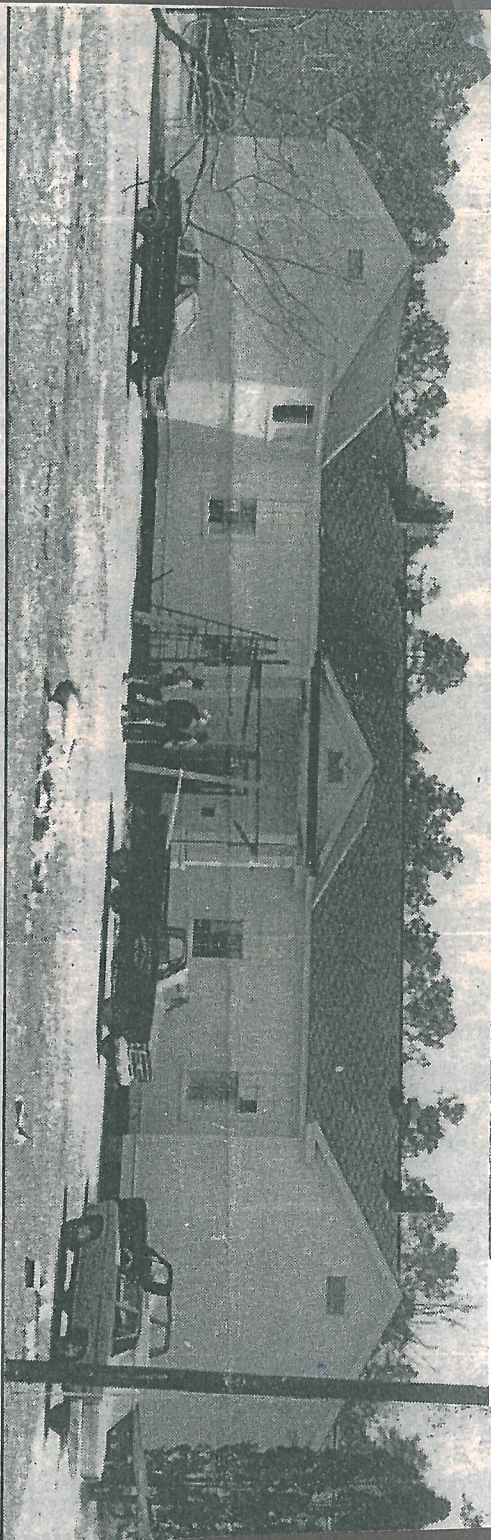
NEW CITY JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR — Circuit Judge Darwin M. Maples (left) administers the oath of office to incoming City Judge Arvis (Sid) Cumbest (center) and City Pros-

ecutor Vincent Blackwell at Pascagoula City Court. The new court held its first session today. (Mississippi Press Register Photo)



Organizers of the renovation

Mildred Carter (left) and Mildred Newman were the chief organizers during the renovation of the old Wade school.



Renovation in progress

The old Wade school is shown during the renovation phase several weeks ago. Many

people donated their time and effort in order to keep the old school standing and

give the area a recreation center.

Wade residents

By JONNY SCOTT

WADE — The old Wade School has just received a facelift.

Once a dwindling, dilapidated structure which people had threatened to burn to the ground just to be rid of it, the building will now be a useful and integral part of the community.

The old Wade School is now the Wade Recreational Center and will be available for community dances, gospel sings, get-togethers, reunions and whatever other uses the community can think of.

An open house was held Saturday at the official opening. The center contains a large dining and dancing area, a stage, a kitchen complete with appliances, bathrooms and two spare rooms.

The old school was renovated with the help of Mildred Carter, District 1 Supervisor Peter Pierce, and a lot of help from the ADC and the Jackson County Restitution Center.

"We spent a little money, but not much to fix up the old school, and the benefits the community will receive from the center will be enormous," Pierce said. "It will be an asset to the community and it will be used for whatever demands arise. A lot of work was donated, because the old school has a lot of sentimental value to the community."

HISTORY OF WADE SCHOOL

In 1925, the Wade community called a meeting to discuss the

building of a new school. Students in the area had outgrown the one-room school house built in 1909. In this meeting, three trustees were elected to supervise the construction of a new school.

E. L. Walker of Mobile was appointed architect and the contractor saw to it the finest material was used.

Work began in 1925. The structure was completed in time for the 1926-27 school year.

"This was a lovely building," Mildred Newman, a former teacher at the Wade school, said. "And I can speak for the whole Wade community when I say that."

Walker hired William H. Kibby as the chief carpenter for construction. "Mr. Kibby, better known as 'Uncle Will', is the only one I know in this community who is still living that worked on the old school building," Mrs. Newman said. "Mr. Kibby is 95 years old and is still loved and appreciated by all."

Mrs. Newman said one of the first teachers the trustees appointed to the old school was Susie Carter. Mrs. Carter taught at the school for 37 years and still lives in the area.

"The Wade school has been renovated to make a Wade Recreation Center," Mrs. Newman said. "We are very grateful to our supervisor, Peter Pierce, and the other county officials for their support of our community."

fix up school

Resident recalls classes in one-room school

By Mrs. D. O. Newman 1911.

I recall the year of 1911. I was six years of age

and love for the first grammar school at Wade. I feel we all owe a debt of gratitude to the great leadership.

be marked with the stamp of our grandparents, parents and neighbors who have gone to meet their reward.

One of my greatest frustrations is my inability to pay proper tribute to all these great people who provided such great leadership.

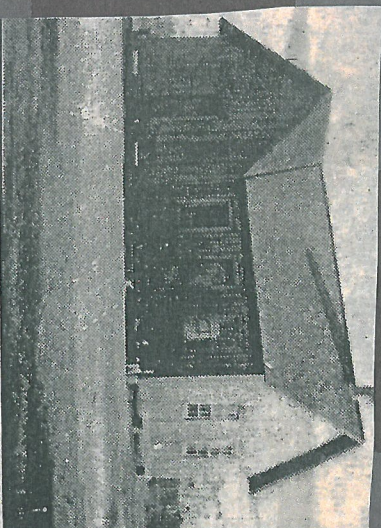
May this history aid you in my appreciation

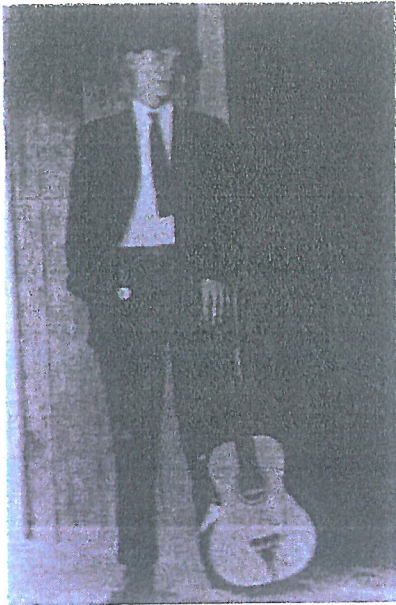
when I enrolled in the old Wade school. We only had one teacher and one room. This was a good school to us. We walked to school and carried a sack lunch. We had straw brooms, made of the straw we gathered from the woods. We had a wood heater for heat. We pumped our water by a hand pump.

We loved our teacher and she was great to us. We had 41 students in school. We had our Bible reading and prayer each morning. We enjoyed this. The teacher taught us to sing. Today I can say we appreciated the education we have had. I feel that any history of Wade's first school must, in large measure,

Original Wade school

The first Wade school which Mrs. Newman attended was built in 1909. When the second Wade school was built in 1925-26, the original school was used as a storage area and eventually was torn down.





Eli Cumbest
About 19 years old
in Moss Point, MS



Neelia Goff (Cumbest)
about 4 years old



Dennis Cumbest
Born: 11-1-1920
Died: 1-1-1964



Donald Cumbest, Hilda Cumbest Carter, Sid
Cumbest, Gerald Cumbest, and Mother Neelia
Cumbest

(LLOYD CUMBEST) ~~NOT SHOWN~~
NOT SHOWN

LLOYD NOT PRESENT
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
FOR NEELIA



Old Wade High School

The seven children of Eli and Neelia graduated from this school in Wade, Mississippi.

Sid graduated at Wade High School which is now closed. A new school was built in the 1970's now called East Central High School now between Wade and Hurley, Mississippi. Sid's brothers and sister graduated from the Wade High School. When Sid graduated from Wade High School, he then went to the University of Southern Mississippi where he graduated. He was then inducted into the United States Army Signal Corps with many other Jackson County men during WWII. The seven men from Jackson County stood in line with several hundred men, and were physically examined and sent to different camps. Sid filled out an application stating that he had experience in typing and short hand in high school and college. Sid was sent to Camp Gordan Georgia. After several weeks in boot camp he was assigned to a Cryptograph school for four weeks.

Sid's brother was at Camp Gordan and had made friends with a soldier from Tennessee. Sid was walking with the soldier's brother going to the P.X. when they noticed a taxi cab approaching. Sid signaled for the cab driver to stop. Inside this cab was their brothers. There were over twenty thousand soldiers at Camp Gordan at the time when their brothers were looking for them.

After Sid finished boot camp and four weeks of cryptograph school, he was given a thirty day leave to go home. At the end of the thirty days he received notice from the Draft Board to travel on the train from Pascagoula, MS to Boston, MA where he met several other soldiers all having notice to go on a train to the state of Washington. Sid stayed in Washington for two weeks when he was notified along with many other soldiers to meet at the dock where they were transported across the ocean. This trip took about eighteen days before they arrived in Tokyo, Japan. There in Tokyo, Sid contacted his college friend, Henry Torguson. Mr. Torguson took Sid out for dinner in Tokyo, but advised they had to be back at the camp before midnight because the gates at the camp would close. It was Christmas Eve, 1992. Everything worked out, except on Christmas day in 1992 the Master Sergeant of the camp came into the barracks and yelled "All soldiers wake up! Pack your bags! Eat Breakfast, and be standing in front of the barracks with your bag at 8:30 a.m." All the soldiers were transported to the port in Tokyo where they would be transported across the Pacific Ocean. This trip lasted for approximately six days

before arriving at a port in Seoul, South Korea. Sid was placed with several other soldiers in the barracks and then the University Building of South Korea which had been badly damaged from the North Koreans during the war. South Korea asked for help against North Korea. The U.S. sent many soldiers to fight and was able to push North Korea back north. He was transported thirty miles south of the 38th parallel. During this time, all of the soldiers were relaying cryptograph messages back to higher officials if ^{South} North Korea had been stopped. Sid was advised this group of about twenty soldiers had top secret clearance to advise South Korea on the movement of North Korea and if they had stopped advancing. This was in the first part of the year in January, 1953.

Sid was advised a small plane would pick him up and he would be transported back to South Korea and then to Tokyo. After leaving the air strip in Tokyo, the plane Sid was ~~on~~ gassed up on a main island. ~~During that time~~ he could see nothing but the tips of ships that were sunk by the Japanese planes that dropped bombs on the ships. After several hundred miles he arrived in Hawaii to gas up, and then to Los Angeles where he caught a plane flight to Keesler Air Field. This flight from South Korea took about eleven days. After he arrived at Keesler, he hitchhiked to Pascagoula where he was met by his family. At this time he was advised that his father had died and been buried. They did not know he was coming home. Sid had less than nine months to stay in the army, and because it was such a short time he was ordered to stay in the U.S. because no one was shipped overseas if they had less than nine months in the service during war.

Prior to being inducted into the army, Sid had finished high school, worked in a grocery store, worked in the Pascagoula swamp cutting timber, cutting trees to manufacture decoy ducks, worked at the International Paper Company, and one year at the Ingalls Ship Yard. While working in the Ship Yard, Sid's duty was to furnish air blowers to workers to receive fresh air. He was contacted by the F.B.I. personnel and was told he was not furnishing the blowers as required by the yard. He resigned from the yard where his salary was fifty dollars per week and went to law school. While in law school, he worked for a law firm in Jackson, MS; was employed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the capitol, First Federal Loan

Association, and finally worked with Mississippi Valley Title Insurance Company until he graduated from law school.

Sid and his wife, Shirley, lived in Jackson, MS when they bought their first automobile. The oldest two children of the five, were born in Jackson, MS, and then they moved to Pascagoula, MS where Sid practiced law for over thirty years. In the early part of his career, he was appointed city attorney for Moss Point, MS, where he served as Judge for approximately two years. He was then hired by the City of Pascagoula to be the City Prosecutor for eight years. He ran for Jackson County Prosecutor, was elected, and had no opponent for the second term, for a total of eight years. He then resigned to give his full time for law practice.

Sid and his family enjoyed many vacations in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Old Mexico, where he and his son, Scott, enjoyed hunting. Sid and his wife spent two weeks on a vacation overseas. The first week was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Olsen. They carried them into many cities in the country of Iran. They gave guided tours of the Old Testament, Daniel's tomb, visited Queen Esters Palace, and many ziggurats (stone structures similar to Egyptian pyramids). They attempted to go in the pyramids, but there were so many bats using the inside as shelter where it created foul ammonia. The pyramids were over a thousand years old. The last Iranian town they visited was in Tehran. In Tehran, they visited palaces of the Shah with a friend of the Olsen's. They also bought a rug in the Market which they still have. From there, they flew to Greece where they visited Leo and Christina Soukis' family and Dr. Minkler's brother who was practicing medicine in Greece. Leo and Christina Soukis (who once lived in Pascagoula) took them to visit the Athens Parliament where they were given soft drinks and enjoyed the huge building because all the members were on vacation. The rest of the day was spent with Dr. Minkler's brother to enjoy some of the fine Athenian meals.

In 1977, Sid and Shirley visited a friend in Connecticut where they spent several days. They used their friends' car to travel along the east coast to Maine. This was the time of the year where the leaves were changing colors. They visited a friend, Mrs. Betty Kepple, who had become friends with Sid and Shirley's daughter, Sydney Cumbest,

who taught school in Connecticut. She took them out to a very enjoyable supper.

A trip that Sid and Shirley took on a bus, Sid remembers the enjoyable white cliffs of Dover which were extremely tall and covered in white sand. At this time, it was necessary to board a boat that carried the truck, heavy equipment, and several hundred people. There were large pontoons on each side of the boat that helped carry the load and float. This boat took them across a large body of water to other foreign countries. This trip lasted for several days.

Sid has enjoyed two fishing trips to the state of Alaska where he was told the tide rose and fell sixteen feet per day, two trips to North and South Dakota and the State of Iowa to pheasant hunt. Sid has also enjoyed the hunting and fishing on the Pascagoula River and swamp for over fifty years where he has hunted and killed deer, turkeys, ducks, and squirrels. He has enjoyed his law practice and home memories of the past. Now, in the year 2007, he is enjoying his social security monthly payments, pensions from working in Moss Point, Pascagoula, the U.S. Army, and practicing law.

Sid married Shirley Faye Atwood who graduated as valedictorian of Pascagoula High School. She attended the Jackson County Junior College, then transferred to Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL where she recieved her degree. She continued her college education at the University of Southern Mississippi to get her Masters Degree, and then transferred to University of Georgia and got her P.H.D. She finished her college education at Innsbruck University in Austria. All of Sid and Shirley's five children have completed college and obtained the degree they desired.



Back yard patio of Sid and Shirley's home at 1102 Dale Norte Circle
Pascagoula, MS.

Left to Right: Granddaughters Sarah Katherine and Caroline McCormick.
Son-in-law David and daughter Susan McCormick.



Scott, Sid and Susan



Susan



Susan



Caroline McCormick



David, Susan, Sarah,
and Caroline McCormick



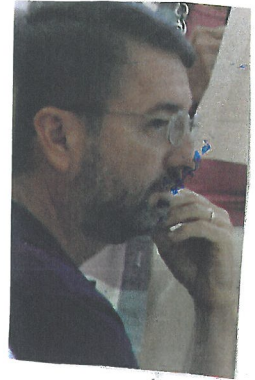
David McCormick



Susan McCormick



Susan, David, Sarah, and Caroline Skiing



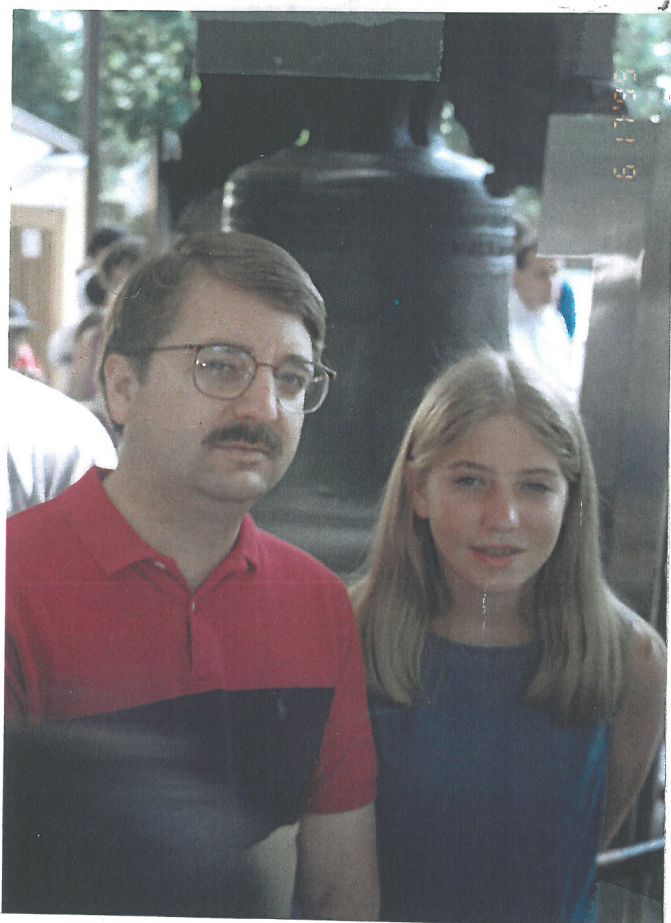
David McCormick



Susan Cumbest McCormick



Sarah Kathryn, Susan & Caroline McCormick



8. David and Sarah McCormick, in front
of Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, PA -
Sandra's Graduation - June 1995



ARVIS SCOTT CUMBEST

Arvis Scott Cumbest, date of birth: October 16, 1956.

Married to Lynn C. Cumbest on July 16, 1994 (Sid's Birthday).

Graduated from Pascagoula High School 1974; graduated from University of Mississippi with BA Degree 1978; graduated from Mississippi College School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree 1981.

One child, a daughter, Hilary Roberts Cumbest, date of birth January 9, 1987.



Scott and Sid Cumbest
~~Scott~~ said "I didn't do it."
 Stephen





Scott Cumbest - (Scott again said "Mamma, I didn't pinch her")



Scott and Stephen Cumbest and Doodler



Scott Cumbest, Doddler, Stephen Cumbest



SCHOOL DAYS 1963-64
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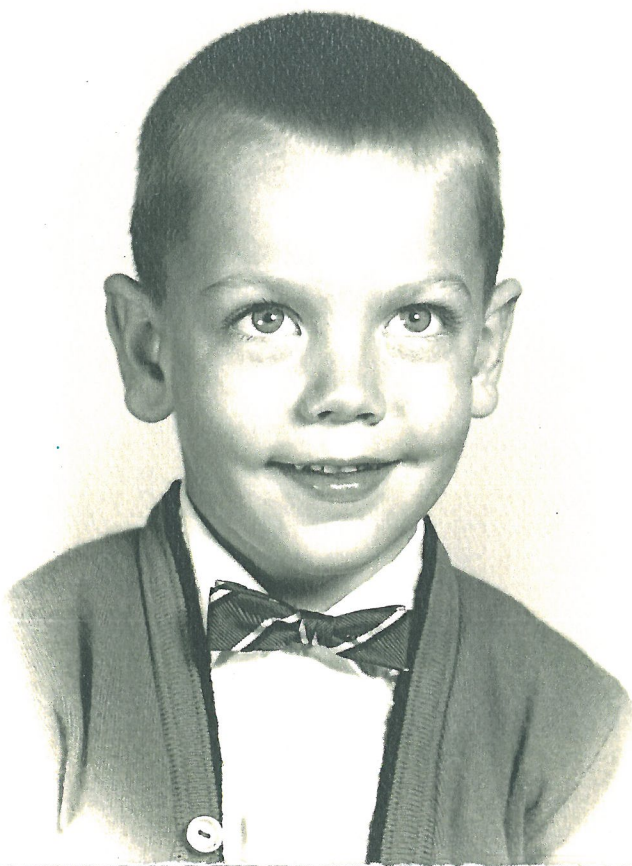
Scott Cumbest & Stephen
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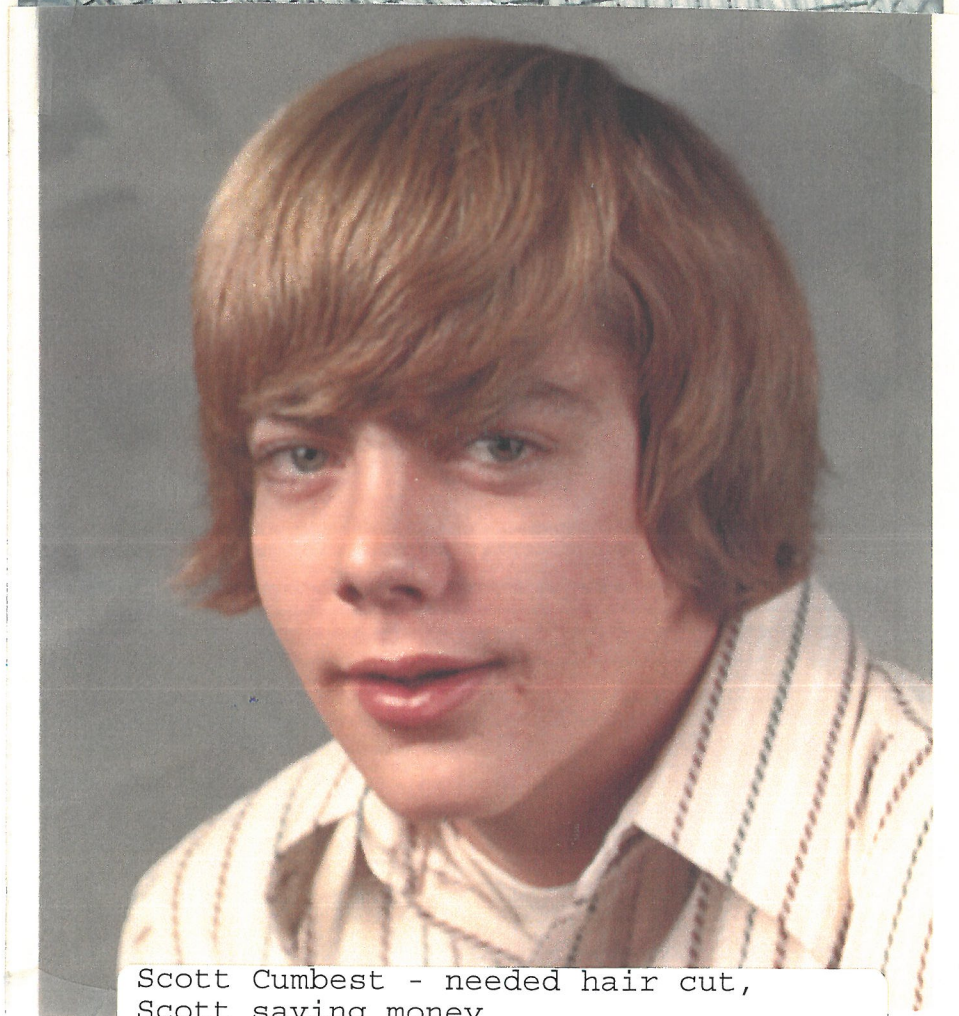
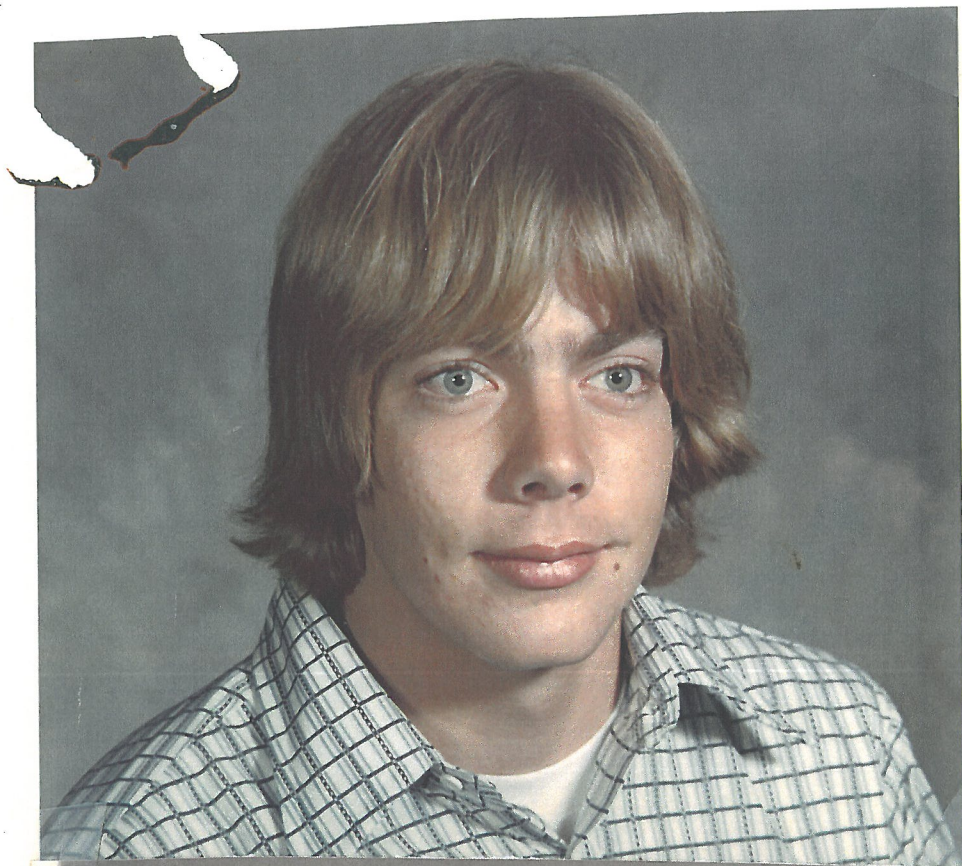
SCHOOL DAYS 1964-65
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Scott
CUMBEST



Scott Cumbest - needed hair cut,
Scott saving money



1968



about
80 lbs

Sid Cumbest holding Gobbler that Scott Cumbest
killed in Jefferson County

Robert-Bob-Prichard old Homestead
Sid & Scott spent Night at Home

Scott Cumbest Homers To Lead Bel Air Victory

Both winning teams in Thursday night's Pascagoula Dixie Youth National League baseball games had to come from behind to defeat their opponents by one-run margins on Gibson-Riendeau Field.

Bel Air edged Standard Oil, 7-6 and Coast Carpet slipped past W&A 6-5.

Scott Cumbest blasted a two-run homer to lead Bel Air to its victory. Standard had taken a 6-5 lead in the top of the fourth on a single by Mark McDuff and a double by Raymond Scott.

Cumbest collected three hits to pace the Bel Air attack while Kenny Krebs had two and Joe Raley and Timmy Cook had one each.

Winning pitcher was Mike Phillips who relieved Cook in the third inning. Scott, McDuff, Ricky Stampley and Billy Wilson each had two hits for Standard while Wayne Kelly and losing pitcher Steve Wilkinson gained one apiece.

Coast Carpet came from behind with two runs in the fifth inning on a single by Monty Elchos, a double by Danny Murphy and a sacrifice fly by Eric Outzen to edge W&A.

W&A had taken the lead in the fourth frame with two runs on two walks and singles by Ricky Overby and Dicky Overby.

Murphy rapped a pair of doubles to lead Coast Carpet batters. Ronnie Grafton and Outzen also had hits for the winners.

Winning pitcher was Carlton Parker who relieved starter Danny Murphy.

Gary Edwards had a triple and Kurt Yow a double to lead the W&A hitters while David Toomer had a single. Losing pitcher was Bobby Olsen who was relieved in the fifth inning by Toomer.

Pas Gulf, National Dixie loops name All-star teams

1969 All-Star Dixie youth teams for Pascagoula's Gulf and National leagues were named during closing ceremonies at Gibson-Riendeau Field Saturday night.

The two teams will face each other in the best two out of three series at Gibson-Riendeau Field beginning on July 14. The winners will advance to the district Dixie Youth tournament at Gautier beginning on July 19.

The Gulf All-Stars are: Rickey Cain, Pat Eiland, David Humphreys and Gary Scott of Merchants & Marine Bank; Timmy Cook, Scott Cumbest, Randy Jackson and Mike Phillips of Bel-Air; Vince Cooley, Mike Kirkpatrick, Jess Lang and Rickey Moorehead of Searstown; Jim Gent, Steve Haygood, and George Martin of First Federal and Dickie Overby of W&A.

Alternates selected include Gary Hudson of W&A and Donnie Miner of Searstown.

The team will be managed by Tom Myrick and coached by Harold Merritt.

The National League All-Stars are: Butch Baum, Mike Brooks, Tommy Eiland and Mark Ladnier of Civitan; Butch Johnson, Bobby Lindsey, Rickey Stampley and Bill Wilson of Standard Oil; John Blair, Pinky Harwell, Francie Murphy and Eric Outzen of Coast Carpet; Reggie Broom, Terry Hayes, and Danny Pittman of Wayne Lee and John Kuluz of Ingalls.

Alternates are Keith Morie and Terrell Rush of Ingalls.

The team will be managed by Joe Johnson and Narvel Broom will serve as coach.



70 pounds of lemon

Jim Ingram (left) and Scott Cumbest hold up a 70-pound lemon fish that Cumbest caught while they fished around the farewell buoy south of Petit Bois Island. Cumbest used white trout as chum to attract the fish to their boat. Both Ingram and Cumbest are students at Ole Miss and belong to the Kappa Sigma fraternity. (Mississippi Press Photo by Tim Wilson)



Staff Photos/Jerry Moulder

PRIZE SNAPPER — Scott Cumbest of Pascagoula shows the huge red snapper he caught Sunday "somewhere" south of Horn Island. The fish weighed 31 pounds on supermarket scales.



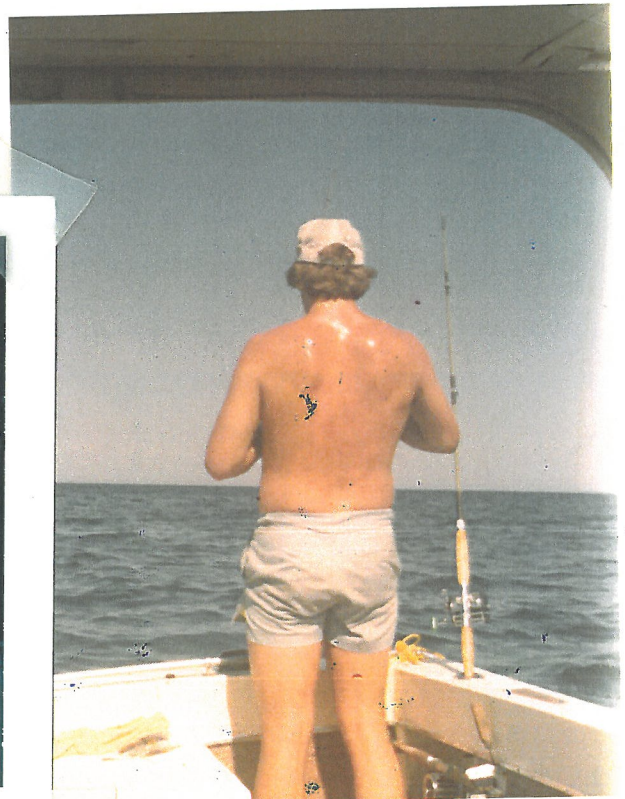
Sydney & Scott Cumbest -
Spoonbill Catfish (Sid's Office)
caught at Cumbest Bluff



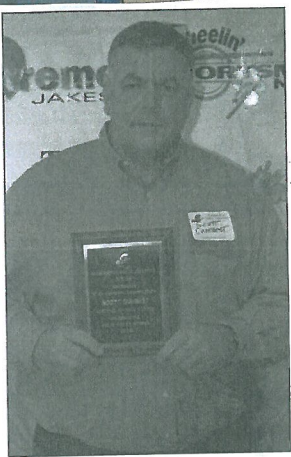
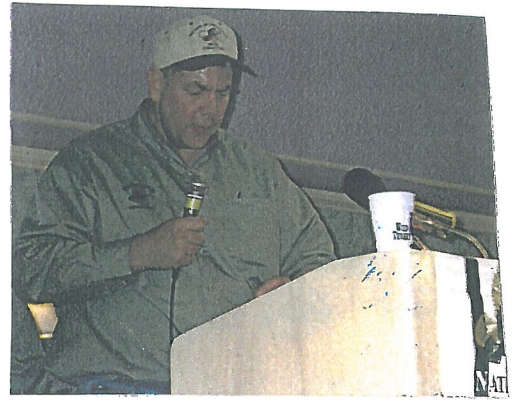
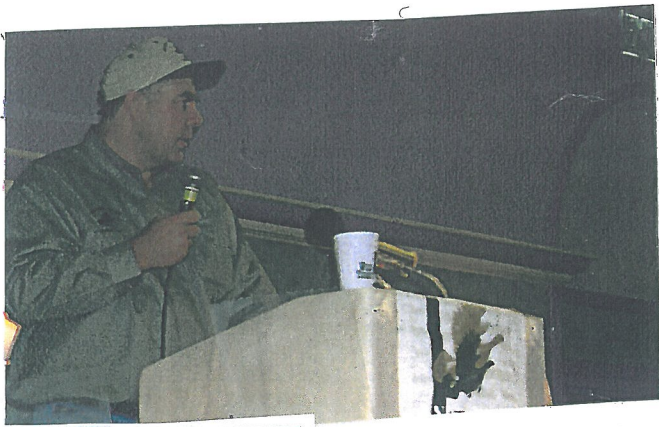
Scott Cumbest and Stephen Cumbest



Scott and Steve Cumbest -
Mary Walker Marina



Scott Cumbest
Duke of Mexico.

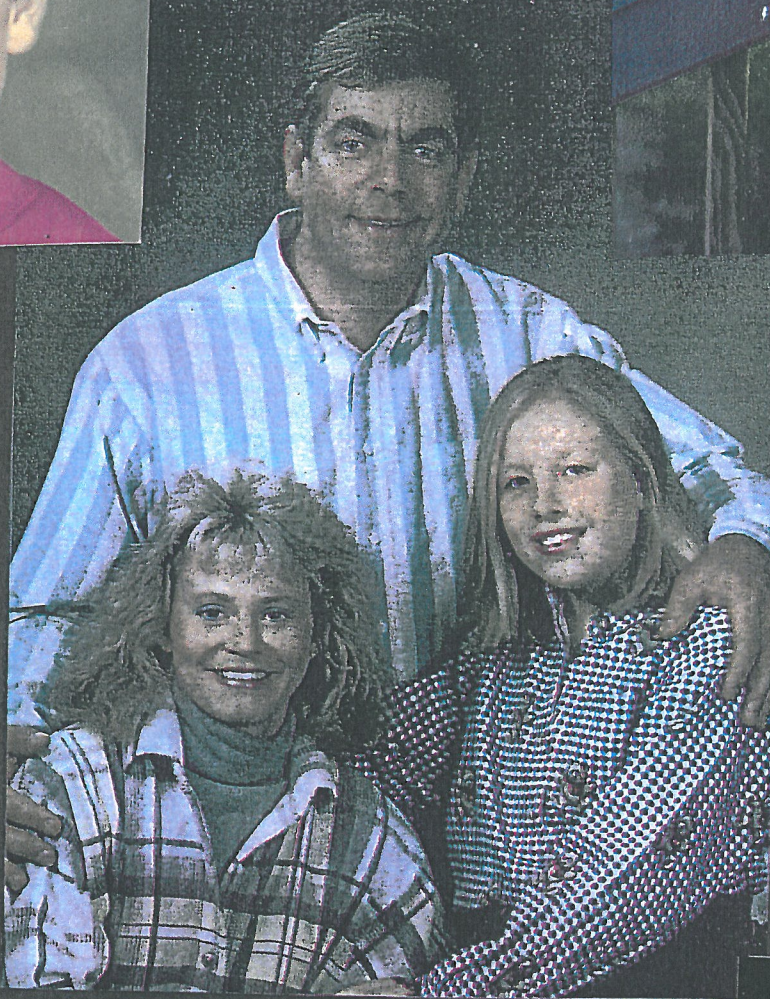
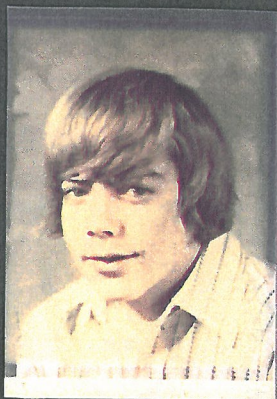
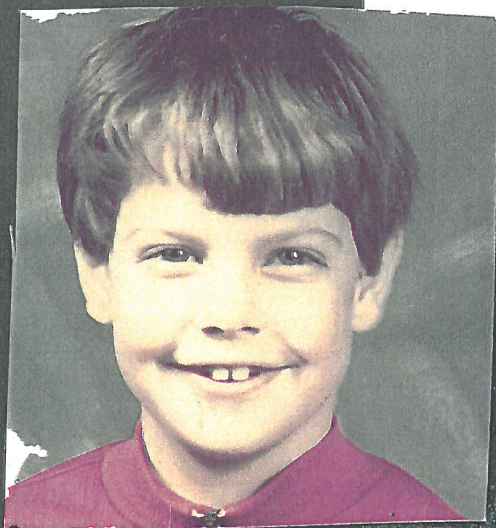


Outstanding State Chapter Board Member, Scott Cumbest, Singing River Chapter.



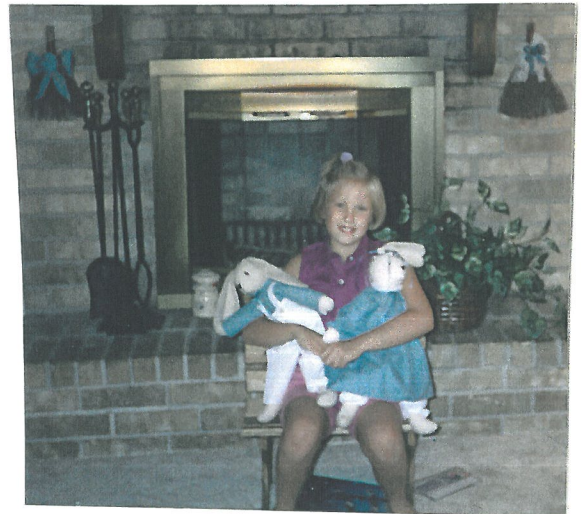
Top photo is of Scott Cumbest at the microphone. Celebration of National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet introducing his father as a Hunter of the Year. The bottom picture is of brother-in-law, David McCormick, taking picture of Sid and Scott.

Left side is Scott Cumbest
Middle is Scott, wife Lynn, and daughter Hilary Cumbest
Right side is Hilary Cumbest





Lynn and Scott Cumbest - Wedding



Hilary Cumbest

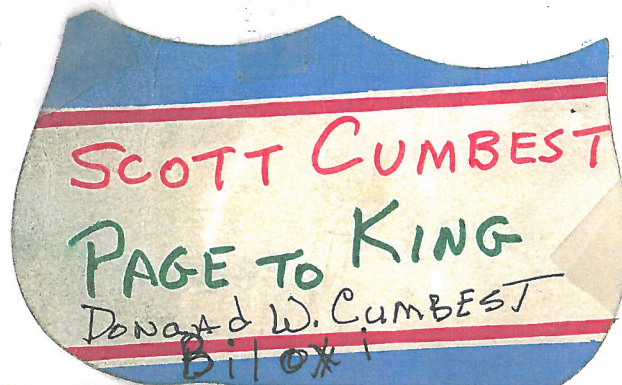


Lynn and Scott Cumbest
Christmas 1994



SCOTT CUMBEST

MORRIS C. O'BARR



After you have been put on the Float do not get off



CARNIVAL HEADQUARTERS

W. KENNER HUNT
CAPTAIN OF CARNIVAL

Hill Street

P. O. Box 1122

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI 39533

OFFICE
PHONE 432-8806

January 15, 1968

Mr. Scott Cumbest

KING D'IBERVILLE
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
ROYAL COCKTAIL HOUR AND BANQUET
four-fifteen o'clock in the afternoon
and
B A L L
nine-thirty o'clock in the evening
on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of February
nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
Hurricane Room
Buena Vista Hotel

R. S. V. P.
P. O. Box 1122
Biloxi, Miss.

Kenner Hunt
Captain

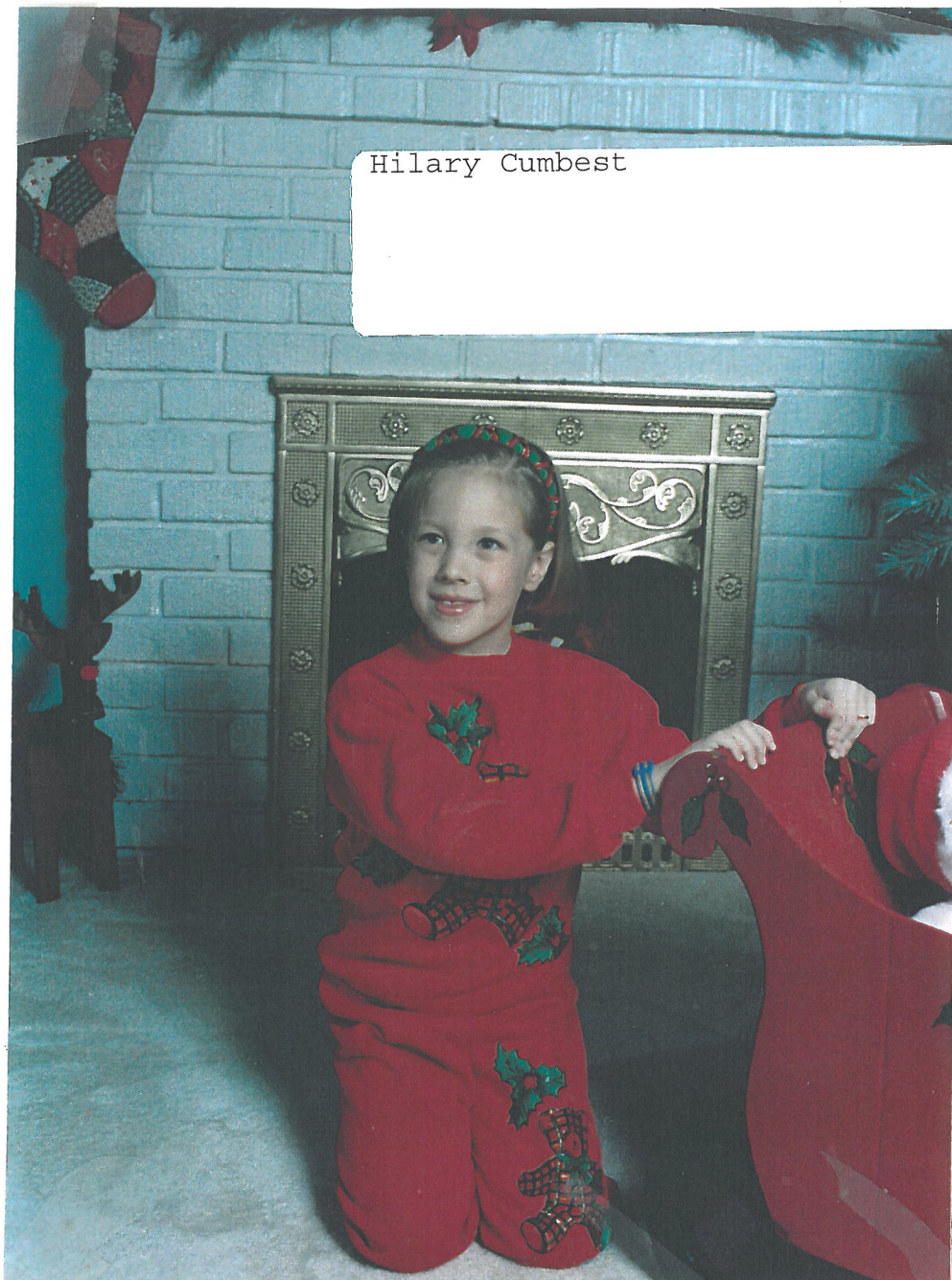


GREAT SCOTT — Scott Cumbest, 12, son of Mr. and Arvis Cumbest of 56 Del Norte Circle, has returned from Jackson where he served as a page for Senator Kenneth Robertson of Jackson County. Scott is a student at William M. Colmer Junior High School in Pascagoula. He attends Eastlawn Baptist Church.



Scott Cumbest, Ann Pillsbury
Hi-Jinx Ball

Hilary Cumbest



SANDRA JEAN CUMBEST

Sandra Jean Cumbest, date of birth November 8, 1957.
Sandra graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1975.
Sandra was President of the Hi-Jinx Club from 1974-1975.
Sandra was selected as queen for Hi-Jinx February 1975.
Graduated from Ole Miss in 1981 with a Degree in Journalism;
Graduated from Drexel University, Pittsburgh, PA, with a Masters
Degree in Interior Design in 1995.

At the present in 1995, Sandra is employed with Phase II
Designs, 415 Johnson Street, Jenkintown, PA.

Room _____

Name Cumbest Baby Girl

Date of Birth 11-8-57 Time 10:00 AM

Birth Weight 6 lbs. 6 oz. Length _____ in.

Doctor W. Leathers

JACKSON COUNTY HOSPITAL
PASCAGOULA, MISS.

3988P COMPLIMENTS OF PET MILK COMPANY

Sandra

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

STATE FILE NUMBER 123-57-52944
REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 976

1. PLACE OF BIRTH
a. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION *Jackson*
b. COUNTY *Pascagoula*
c. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION *Jackson County*
d. IS PLACE OF BIRTH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☐ NO ☒

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF MOTHER (Where does mother live?)
a. STATE *Miss.*
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION *Jackson*
c. STREET ADDRESS *Pascagoula*
d. *1117 Seneca St.*
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME (Type of birth)
a. First *Sandra* b. Middle *Jean* c. Last *Cumbest*
4. SEX *F* 5. THIS BIRTH SINGLE ☒ TWIN ☐ TRIPLET ☐ 6. DATE OF BIRTH *11-8-57*
7. NAME a. First *Arvis* b. Middle *Vertis* c. Last *Cumbest*
8. COLOR OR RACE *white*
9. AGE (At time of this birth) *28* YEARS 10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) *Miss.* 11a. USUAL OCCUPATION *Tithe researcher* 11b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY *self employed*
12. MAIDEN NAME a. First *Shirley* b. Middle *Faye* c. Last *Atwood* 13. COLOR OR RACE *white*
14. AGE (At time of this birth) *22* YEARS 15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) *Miss.* 16. PREVIOUS DELIVERIES TO MOTHER (Do NOT include this birth)
a. How many OTHER children were born alive? *2* b. How many OTHER children were born alive but are now dead? *0* c. How many fetal deaths (stillborn) were born at 282 (time after conception)? *0*
17. INFORMATION GIVEN BY *Mother*
18. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS *1117 Seneca St., Pascagoula, Miss.*
19a. SIGNATURE *A. Weatherford* 19b. ATTENDANT AT BIRTH *M. D. ☒* MIDWIFE ☐ OTHER (Specify) ☐
20. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. *Nov 23, 1957* 21. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE *Richard Garrett* 22. DATE ON WHICH GIVEN NAME ADDED *11-13-57*
23a. LENGTH OF PREGNANCY COMPLETED WEEKS *40* 23b. WEIGHT AT BIRTH *6* LB. *6* OZ. 24. IS BROTHER MARRIED? YES ☒ NO ☐
FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH USE ONLY
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25. SIGNATURE OF MOTHER *Mrs. A. V. Cumbest*

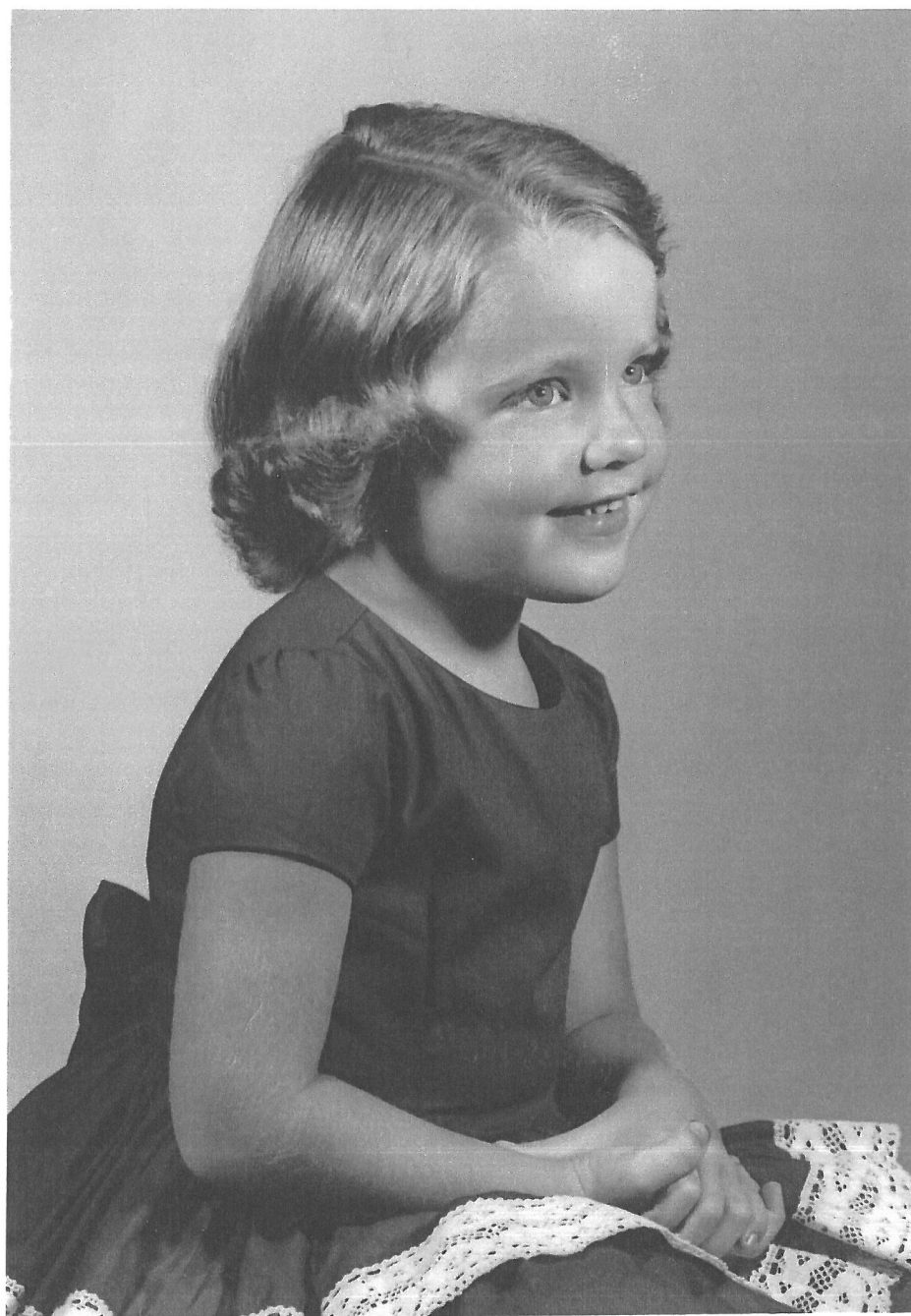
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I, Archie Lee Gray, M.D., State Registrar of Vital Statistics, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the certificate of birth of the person named therein, the original being on file in this office.

Given at Jackson, Mississippi, over my signature and under the official seal of my office this the **24th day of April, 1959**

ARCHIE LEE GRAY, M.D.,
State Registrar

R. E. Oswald
Deputy State Registrar



[5] Sandra J. Cumbest



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SCHOOL DAYS 1963-64
BEACH ELEM.



SCHOOL DAYS 1964-65
BEACH ELEMENTARY



SCHOOL DAYS 1965-66
BEACH ELEM.

Sandra J. Cumbest



5a) Sandra J. Cumbest



Sandra Cumbest



5c) Sandra J. Cumbest



Sandra J. Cumbest,
Grandmother Neelia Cumbest



5d-2) Scott and Sandra J. Cumbest



5d-3) Susan and Sandra Cumbest



e-1) Susan and Sandra Cumbest

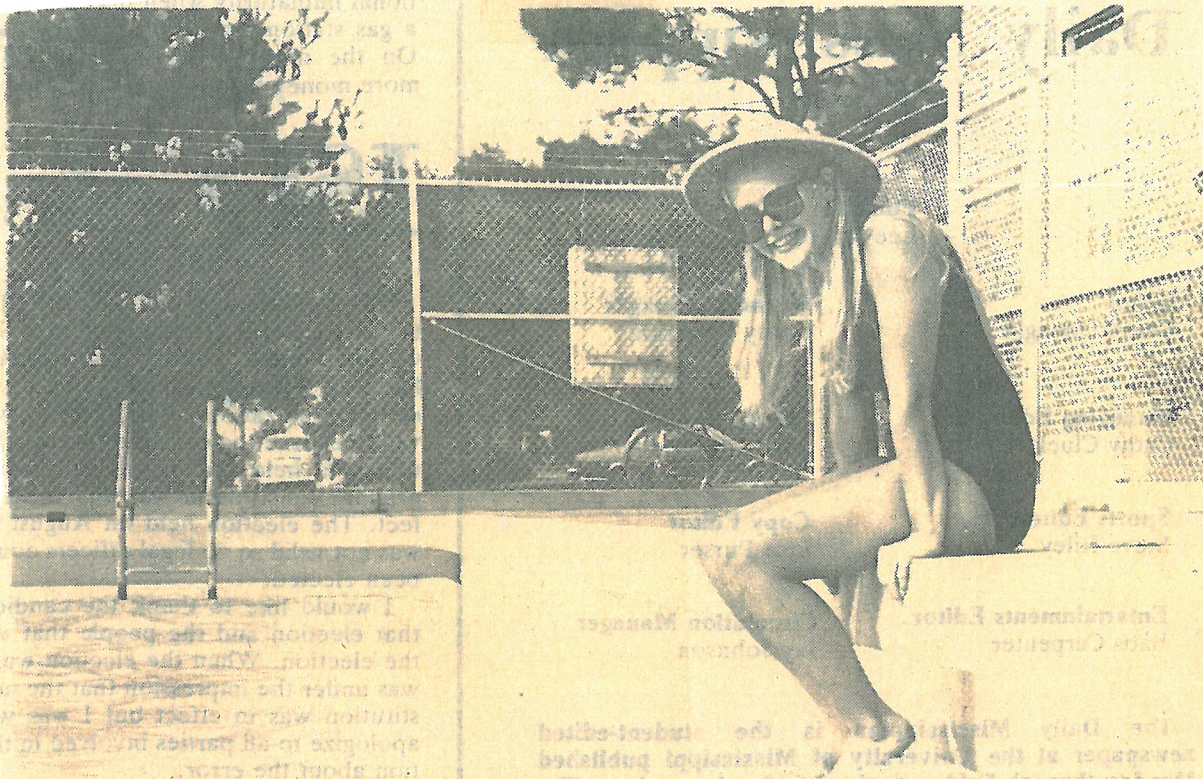


5e-2) Scott and Sandra Cumbest



5f-3) Sandra F. Cumbest

Wednesday's backgammon tournament, a new addition to Dixie Week, saw finalist Sandra Cumbest beating Doug Griffin 3-1. Cumbest won a backgammon board donated by Scott's Forge. Griffin won a free steak from Sirloin Stockade.



Coolin' off

University lifeguard Sandra Cumbest, a junior, has only one more week to watch peo-

ple "cool off" at the Ole Miss swimming pool. The pool will close next Friday, Sept. 14.

(photo by John Henderson)



Journalist visits UM

Jane Tannehill (left), managing editor of The Union Appeal, discusses her work with University of Mississippi students (from second from left) Sandra Cumbest of Pascagoula, Carolyn Gaddy of Crystal Springs, Joey Yelverton of Taylorsville and Bill

Stark of Greenville, during her recent visit to Ole Miss. Mrs. Tannehill, despite never having taken a journalism course, is recognized as one of the top woman journalists in the state and is president of the Mississippi Press Women's Association.

Sandi Woolf (Secretary of Delta University of S. McKinley of Alicia's parent McKinley of P.

So

The college beat

Sunday, March 31, 1974

Mississippi Press Register—11-E



Pretty as a picture

Sixteen-year-old Sandra Cumbest epitomizes the spirit of spring in a two-piece palazzo pants outfit in blue splashed with red flowers, by Corky

Craig of California. Fashion is now available at Paula's in the Bel Air Shopping Center. Sandra is the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cumbest.



5f) Scott Cumbest, Sandra Cumbest,
taking last drop, Steve Cumbest, fixing a
sandwich



SANDRA CUMBEST



5h-1) Sandra Cumbest and Sid Cumbest
Graduation - Drexel University -1995



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5g-1) Sandra Cumbest - Ready to eat



Sandra Cumbest - Calling all eaters



5g-3) Sid Cumbest and Sandra Cumbest
Birthday gift "Surprise"

Sandra graduating at Drexel University getting her masters degree in Interior Design. Her first degree was from Ole Miss University. In the photo her father is hugging her saying, "Time to make money!"



Sandra & Dad
Graduation at Drexel
'95

Time To Make Money!



Hi-Jinx royalty

Sandra Cumbest and Mike Pace were crowned Queen Jinx XXXIX and King Rex XXXIX at the recent Hi-Jinx Carnival Ball held at the Jaycee Center. The queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

A. V. Cumbest and a senior at Pascagoula High School. Hi-Jinx, social club for high school girls, annually sponsors the carnival ball.

Photos of Sandra Cumbest. These include Sandra and father dancing, different times during her life, and Queen of Hi-Jinx along with King, Mike Pace, and a Christmas card when she lived in Dallas, Texas.

STEPHEN A. CUMBEST

Stephen A. Cumbest, date of birth July 22, 1965.

Stephen graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1983.

Graduated with a double Degree from Florida State University at Tallahassee, Florida: a degree in Finance and a degree in Accounting, 1990.

Worked for Wachovia Bank, Atlanta, GA, 1991 - 1993.

From 1993 through present 1995, Steve is self-employed, having an interest in two locations for selling rugs, carpet, and accessories, one at I-85 at Jimmy Carter Blvd., and another at Marietta, Georgia, suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia.

Married to Marie M. Mualem Cumbest, on May 23, 1992. Marie has a degree from Florida State University in Human Resources and a Masters Degree in Management from Georgia State, Atlanta, GA, 1995.

Stephen

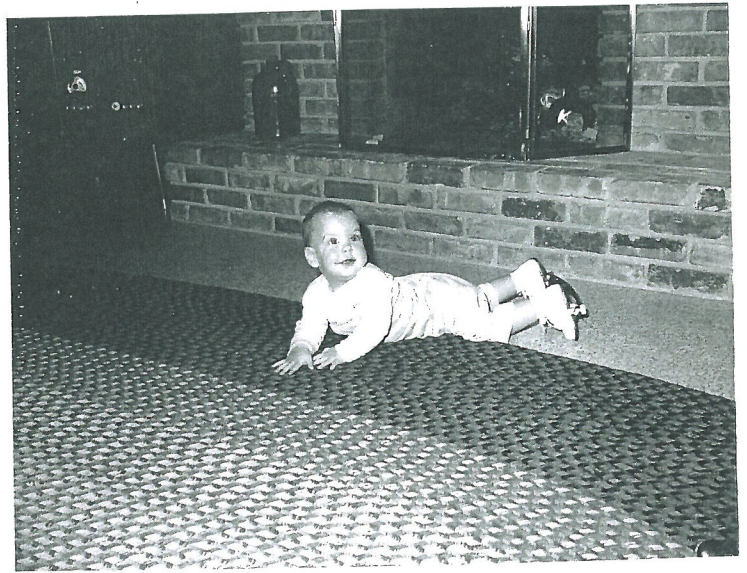
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3. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <i>Pascagoula</i>		4. STREET ADDRESS <i>Pascagoula</i>		
5. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <i>Singing River Hosp. 56 Del Norte Circle</i>		6. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS YES ☒ NO ☐		7. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM YES ☐ NO ☒
8. IS PLACE OF BIRTH INSIDE CITY LIMITS YES ☒ NO ☐		9. NAME (Type or print) First <i>Stephen</i> Middle <i>Atwood</i> Last <i>Cumbest</i>		
10. SEX a. THIS BIRTH <i>Male</i> b. SINGLE ☒ TWIN ☐ TRIPLET ☐ c. IF TWIN OR TRIPLET, WAS CHILD BORN 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐		11. DATE OF BIRTH Month <i>July</i> Day <i>22</i> Year <i>1965</i>		
12. NAME First <i>Arvis</i> Middle <i>Vertis</i> Last <i>Cumbest</i>		13. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>		
14. AGE (At time of this birth) <i>36</i> YEARS		15. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <i>Wade Miss.</i>		
16. MAIDEN NAME <i>Shirley Faye</i>		17. USUAL OCCUPATION <i>Attorney</i>		
18. AGE (At time of this birth) <i>30</i> YEARS		19. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <i>Self Employed</i>		
20. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <i>Raymond Miss.</i>		21. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>		
22. PREVIOUS DELIVERIES TO MOTHER (See top of previous birth) a. Still born <i>3</i> b. Still born <i>0</i> c. Still born <i>1</i>		23. INFORMATION GIVEN BY <i>Mother</i>		
24. MOTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS <i>56 Del Norte Circle Pascagoula Miss.</i>		25. ATTENDANT AT BIRTH M. O. ☒ MIDWIFE ☐ OTHER (Specify)		
26. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <i>Aug. 14, 1965</i>		27. REGISTER'S SIGNATURE <i>Shelby Barnett</i>		
28. DATE ON WHICH GIVEN NAME ADDED BY <i>Miss Shirley A. Cumbest</i>				
FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH USE ONLY (This section MUST be filled out)				
29a. LENGTH OF PREGNANCY COMPLETED WEEKS <i>40</i>	29b. WEIGHT AT BIRTH <i>8 LB. 2 OZ.</i>	30. IS MOTHER YES ☒ NO ☐	31. SIGNATURE OF MOTHER <i>Shirley A. Cumbest</i>	



CUMBEST
At Singing River Hospital, July 22, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Arvis Vertis Cumbest, 56 Del Norte Circle, Pascagoula, arrived, weighing eight pounds, two ounces. Their son has been named Stephen Atwood Cumbest. The mother is the former Shirley Fay Atwood.



Stephen CumBEST



Stephen CumBEST



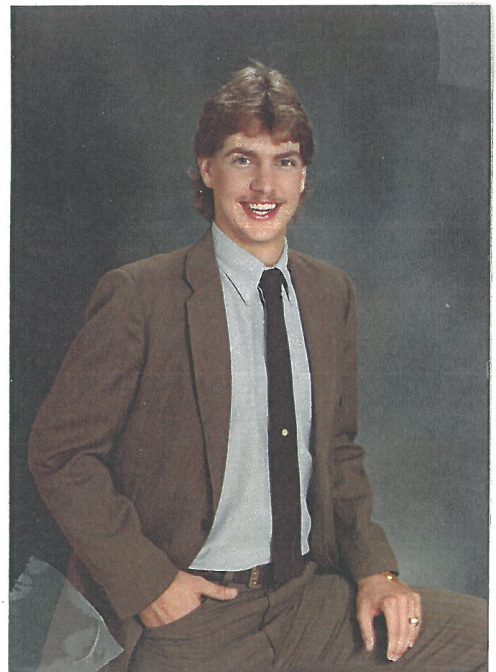
3a-1) Stephen and Shirley



2) Stephen Cumbest - doing skateboard trick (He made it without a broken bone)



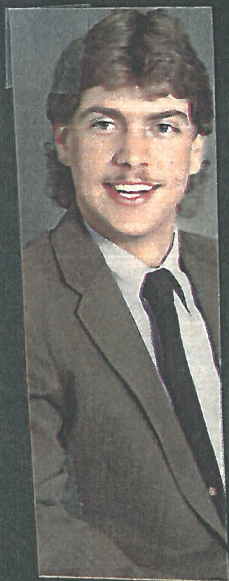
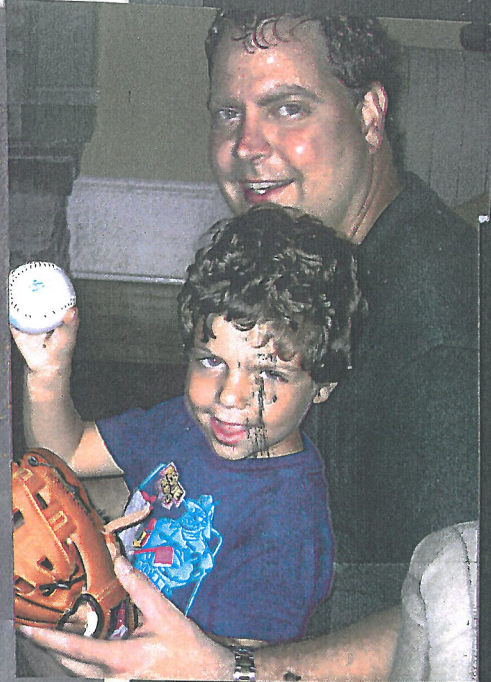
3) Stephen Cumbest (Elvis Presley pose)



Stephen Cumbest



Marie, Cole, Madison
and Stephen Cummett
December 2002



The top photograph is of Steve. The top right is of Steve and his son, Cole. Below is his daughter, Madison. The bottom left photo is Steve and the right is Steve, Madison, Cole, and Sid Cumbest.

SYDNEY FAYE CUMBEST

Sydney Faye Cumbest, date of birth April 29, 1971. Her premature birth is a vivid memory of her parents. Sid went home on April 29, 1971, at approximately 5:30 P.M. to find his wife in bed experiencing premature labor pains. We got to Singing River Hospital about 7:00 P. M. and waited for Dr. DiSanti, who appeared about 8:00 P. M. for examination. Sid was told that he was in the way and it would be best to go home since it would be several weeks before the baby's birth. Approximately midnight on the same date Sid was called that Shirley had given birth to a premature baby, both were doing fine, and he was not to come to the hospital. Within the next three days it was time for the mother to be discharged and at that time the baby girl had not been named and, therefore, the mother could not be discharged until a name was selected. We thought "Sydney" was appropriate; the mother was permitted to be discharged but Sydney had to remain at the hospital, if my memory serves me well, for the next 56 days. Sydney weighed on May 25, 1971, at Singing River Hospital, 2#, 8 oz. Today in 1995, Sydney is a healthy-looking lady at age 24.

Sydney graduated from Pascagoula High School in 1989.

Sydney attended two International Lions Club Conventions (Miami, Florida and Denver, Colorado), and won first place for Mississippi at both conventions 1988 and 1989, against more than 100 clubs participating in the band performance.

In 1989 Sydney was awarded an impressive award during her senior year for a Tuba performance; the award was the John Phillip Sausa Brass Award for her outstanding Tuba performance.

While at Millsaps Sydney participated in two international tours of Eastern Europe, Paris, and areas, in the year 1993.

Sydney obtained a BA Degree in Psychology from Millsaps in 1993; obtained a second Degree in Liberal Arts Tuba Performance, with Honors of cum laude in 1995.

Presently in 1995 Sydney is attending Duquene University, Pittsburgh, PA, furthering her education to obtain a Masters Degree in Music. She is still a Tuba enthusiast.

Sydney

REGISTRAR'S NUMBER 573				CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH STATE OF MISSISSIPPI		STATE FILE NUMBER 123-		71-016677	
1. CHILD-NAME First Middle Last <i>Sydney Faye Cumbe</i>				DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 2a. <i>4-29-71</i>		HOUR 2b. <i>11 PM</i>			
SEX 3. <i>Female</i>		THIS BIRTH—Single, Twin, Triplet, Etc. (Specify) 4a. <i>Single</i>		IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH, Born First, Second, Third, Etc. (Specify) 4b. <i>—</i>		COUNTY OF BIRTH 5a. <i>Jackson</i>			
HOSPITAL OR CLINIC-NAME 5b. <i>SOUTH RIVER HOSPITAL</i>				CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF BIRTH <i>PASCAULULA</i>		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) 6a. <i>Yes</i>			
FATHER-NAME First Middle Last 6a. <i>ARLIS VERTIC Cumbe</i>				RACE 6b. <i>WHITE</i>		AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 6c. <i>41</i>		STATE OF BIRTH (If Not in U.S.A., Name Country) 6d. <i>Miss</i>	
MOTHER-NAME First Middle Last (Maiden Name) 7a. <i>SHIRLEY FAYE ATWOOD</i>				RACE 7b. <i>WHITE</i>		AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 7c. <i>35</i>		STATE OF BIRTH (If Not in U.S.A., Name Country) 7d. <i>Miss</i>	
RESIDENCE-STATE 8a. <i>Miss</i>				COUNTY 8b. <i>JACKSON</i>		CITY OR TOWN 8c. <i>PASCAULULA</i>		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) 8d. <i>Yes</i>	
MAILING ADDRESS—STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL LOCATION 9a. <i>1102 DEKORTE CIRCLE</i>				CITY OR TOWN 9b. <i>PASCAULULA</i>		STATE 9c. <i>Miss</i>		ZIP NUMBER 9d. <i>39567</i>	
INFORMANT-NAME 10a. <i>SHIRLEY FAYE Cumbe</i>				SIGNATURE OF MOTHER 10b. <i>MOTHER</i>		The above record is correct <i>Shirley Faye Cumbe</i>			
I certify that the above named child was born alive at the place & time & on the date stated above				ATTENDANT—M.D., Midwife, Other (Specify) 11b. <i>M.D.</i>		DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 11c. <i>May 10, 1971</i>			
11a. SIGNATURE <i>Nicholas Di Santi</i>				CERTIFIER-NAME (Type or Print) <i>NICHOLAS DI SANTI</i>		MAILING ADDRESS (Street or Route, City or Town, State, Zip) 11d. <i>923 E. 7th St., Pascaulula, Miss 39567</i>			
12a. REGISTRAR-SIGNATURE <i>Richard Garrett</i>				DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Month Day Year 12b. <i>May 16 1971</i>					

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD OF BIRTH

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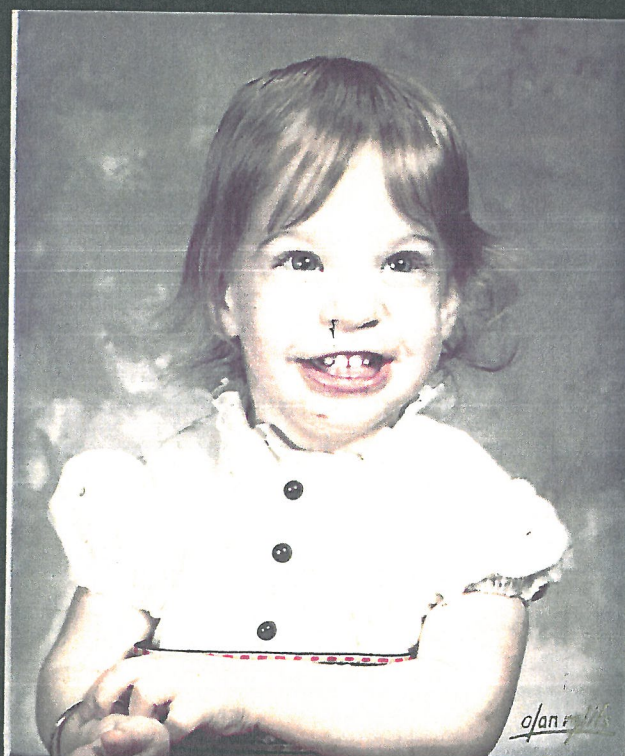
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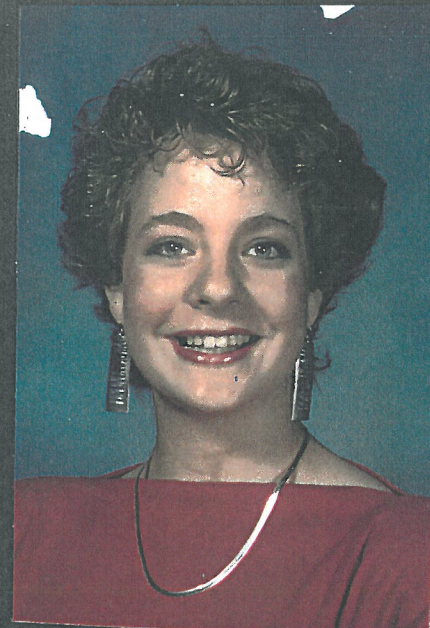
28th Day June, 1971

Hugh B. Cottrell, M. D. State Registrar

Paul Burnell Hawkins
Paul Burnell Hawkins, Deputy State Registrar

Sydney Faye Cumbest
Sydney is the youngest of Sid and Shirley Cumbest five children.





Photos of Sydney Faye Cumbest during various years of her life. She graduated from Ole Miss University in Oxford, MS with honors. She then went to Duquesne University where she got her Masters degree and then to Carnegie Mellon University. She left there and is now teaching music in the state of Connecticut.



**Celebration of
Twentieth Century Music**

Sydney Faye Cumbest

presents her

Senior Solo Tuba Recital

March 2, 1995

8:00 p.m.

**Academic Complex Recital Hall
Millsaps College**



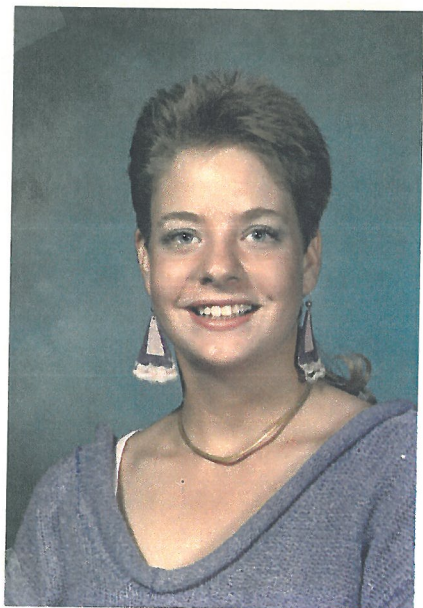
Sydney Faye Cumbest
(Big stage performance)



Sydney Faye Cumbest



Sydney Cumbest and Stephen Cumbest



Sydney Cumbest



Sydney Faye Cumbest -
(Thoughts to run away from home)



Sydney Faye Cumbest - Tuba
(High School Award 19__)



Sydney and Sid Cumbest
- Cumbest Bluff -



Sydney Faye Cumbest - Home
(Turkey Feathers-T)



Downtown Jackson, Ms, after Graduation
Sydney Cumbest, Tuba Teacher Wade
Rackley, Pianist Chris Brunt, at her
Tuba Recital 3/2/95 - Millsaps



Sydney Faye Cumbest - Graduation Day
Millsaps College - April 1995



Shirley Cumbest - Sydney's Graduation



Millsaps Graduation "Campus" 1995
Sid, Sydney, and Shirley



Celebration after Sydney's Graduation
Sid and Shirley, Downtown, Jackson, MS

The Family Lineage
Of
Lyman Randall Cumbest
and
Marselete Parker Cumbest
3rd Reunion
July 26th, 2008



Cumbest Reunion

July 26, 2008

11:00 AM

**Caswell Springs
Methodist
Church Family
Life Center**

Cumbest Reunion

REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

LYMAN RANDALL CUMBEST

AND

MARSELETE PARKER CUMBEST

(Fifth generation of Simon Cumbest)

COMMITTEE:

Neva Margarite Cumbest Dryden

Opal Ivon Faggard Goff

Nelda Juanita Parker Miles

Lyman Randall "Jack" Cumbest

Billie Barnett Cumbest Smith

Ondrea Lee Cumbest Smith

Linda Joyce Noble Cumbest

Sherry Lynn Aycock Cumbest

Deanna Janine Cox Smith

Lyman Randall Cumbest

(B) 05-11-1858 (D) 03-17-1924

Married 08-05-1883

Marselete Parker Cumbest

(B) 05-09-1867 (D) 01-17-1940

10 children:

Lucille Drusilla Cumbest Braxton

Julia Rhoda Cumbest Kirkwood

Emanuel B. Cumbest

Malinda Laura Cumbest Kirkwood

Eli Lyman Cumbest

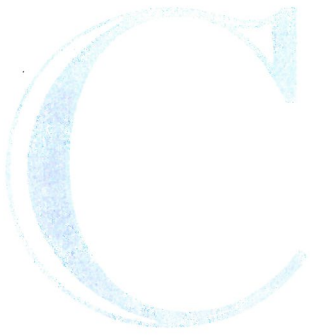
Earl Cowan Cumbest

Ilah Cumbest Faggard

Roy O'Neal Cumbest

Mack Elvis Cumbest

Leon Fuller Cumbest



Cumbest Reunion

July 26, 2008

11:00 AM

**Caswell Springs
Methodist
Church Family
Life Center**

Cumbest Reunion

Mail check to :

Ondra Cumbest Smith
2601 Roy Cumbest Road
Moss Point, MS 39562
228-588-6042

If your name and address are incomplete or misspelled, please give correct information with RSVP.

We could have overlooked some names, so, we extend this invitation by word of mouth to ALL your family.

REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

LYMAN RANDALL CUMBEST

AND

MARSELETE PARKER CUMBEST

(Fifth generation of Simon Cumbest)

On July 26, 2008, at the Caswell Springs Methodist Church Family Life Center, gathering will begin at 11:00 A.M. This includes all descendants of Lyman Randall and Marselete Parker Cumbest. Please mark you calendar and plan to attend.

The event will be catered by Le Marche' of Gautier, MS and the cost will be \$13.00 for adults and \$8.00 for under 11 years old. There is no charge for children under 3 years old. Cost for you and your family attending must be paid no later than June 7, 2005. Please include # of each attending.

Three Rivers

Community sprang up where river divided

By VIVIAN AUSTIN

Mississippi Press Staff

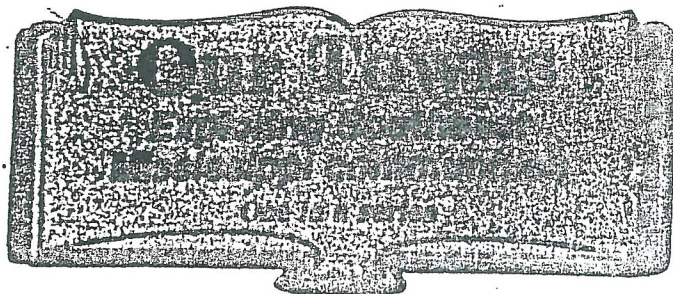
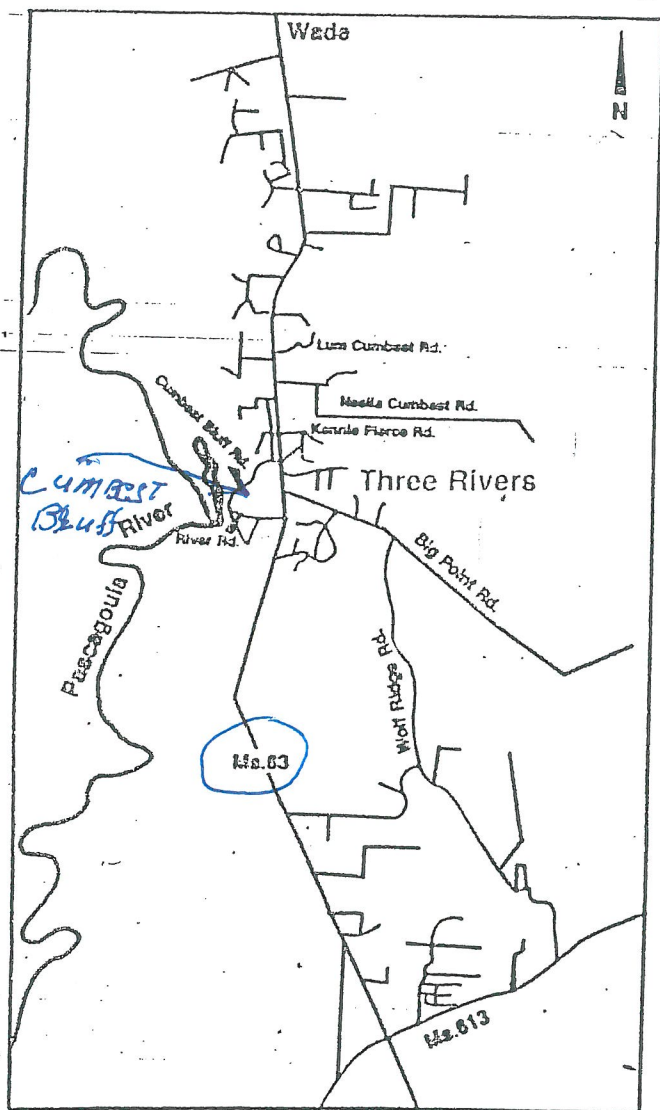
Three Rivers got its name from the waters that were the life-blood of the community during the time when logs floated down the Pascagoula River to Moss Point sawmills and schooners brought in supplies that were traded for farm produce.

The namesake of the area, below old Porter's Sawmill, where the river split into three — West, East and Little — waterways is well below today's community. "The Pascagoula River used to be one continuous river," according to local historian Melba Goff Allen of Wade.

"It split. One went east and one went west. There is a Three Rivers Lake there now. That's how the name came about," she said.

The southern boundary has long since moved northward. "That was Three Rivers in the old days. When we talk about today's Three Rivers, we are talking about Caswell Springs (United Methodist Church as the northern border) down to Daniel power plant, or where 613 crosses Highway 63," Mrs. Allen said.

Henry Wells, 85, said the eastern line used to stop at the "Big Island," formerly a series of creeks and swampland replaced by the power. See OUR TOWN Page 4-B ➤



► Our Town

From Page 1

plant reservoir. The Pascagoula River is the western border.

Three Rivers was founded by Richard Roberts when he purchased a land grant in 1811 and settled on the Pascagoula River. Roberts sold part of the land to John Cumbest, who died before moving onto the property. His wife Madlein Phoa Cumbest purchased the rest of the land before the Roberts family moved to Arena, according to old land deeds. The couple had one son — John Cumbest Jr. — according to Mrs. Allen.

"That's how Cumbest Bluff got its name. Because of old lady Cumbest who came there," she said. Most of the area was known as Cumbest Bluff.

Cumbest Jr. and Candacey Jones (her descendants eventually moved elsewhere) had 10 children. Notable among the grandchildren were Manuel Cumbest, founder of Cumbest Grocery around 1900, and Roy O'Neal Cumbest, elected supervisor of District 1 four times. Lum Cumbest followed and still operates the sawmill that employs about 40 workers now. A decoy factory was part of Cumbest Manufacturing until 1941.

The store was sold to Dennis and Esther Cumbest in 1947 and closed about 1970. Ralph and Chestine Cumbest operated Cumbest Clover Farm from 1961-76.

Three Rivers, Cumbest Bluff then, became a logging community during the 1830s when the Cumbests began their sawmill on the Pascagoula River. "(The family) hired people from around here and elsewhere," Wells said.

"That was a pretty good survival for the people around here," Sam Denny put in a railroad to haul logs to the river, he said. The crosstie business also provided work.

Three Rivers residents were loggers, farmers or both. "They raised their own meat and vegetables," Mrs. Allen said. "Some of them had beehives."

Wells said, "They raised corn, peas, sugar cane and vegetables such as greens. They even raised rice." Residents weaved and made their own clothes.

Cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry roamed open ranges and through the swamps. "They smoked their own meat," Mrs. Allen said. The area boasted pecan and fruit trees and berries, as well as watermelon rinds, that were made into preserves.

"In the early days there were schooners that would travel up the Pascagoula River. The people

would trade their farm goods for the supplies they had on the boats," she said. Goods also were traded in Mobile, Ala.

Though Cumbest Bluff still exists, the community became Three Rivers in 1858 when Alabama native Andrew Vaughn became the first postmaster. "That was the first time we were known as Three Rivers," Mrs. Allen said.

Samuel H. Shannon served as postmaster in 1899. His commissary (grocery store) provided dry beans, rice, bacon, salt meat, sugar and coffee, Wells said.

Shannon was a major employer with his turpentine factory, and built houses for some 30 to 40 families of workers who came in from various places. Quitman Wells also owned a turpentine factory, but on a small, family-operated scale.

"His sons would manufacture this crude (from pine trees). That was one of their (means-of)-survival at that time," Wells' father helped run the business.

The hurricane of 1906 destroyed much of the pines needed to produce the turpentine and Shannon eventually left for New Orleans, La. "After S.H. Shannon left, a colored man by the name of Dan Borden ran the post office awhile," Wells said. The office closed in 1916.

William Kirkwood, one of the oldest settlers with descendants still in Three Rivers, received a Spanish land grant in 1810. A neighbor of Richard Roberts, Kirkwood and the Gray family lived in the vicinity of Daniel Electric Power Plant.

Kirkwood Lake bears the family name, as does Clark Bayou after ship carpenter Ebernezer and Sarah Clark. They and the Austin Lyons were neighbors of Kirkwood. His son Alex Kirkwood was a preacher, farmer and inventor. He invented the bilge pump in 1855 and the cart log in 1871.

John Cumbest Jr. married Candacey Jones, daughter of Hannan Jones and Larecka Rocha, a Choctaw Indian. Candacey was the sister of Meriel Jones, who married Catherine Graham and had 10 children. One of those 10 was Lucinda Jane, wife of Confederate soldier James A. Kennedy.

"They (Kennedys) owned the biggest portion of land on the east side of (Mississippi) 63 where many of the Cumbest family now live. They sold this land out to the Cumbest and Scarbrough families," Mrs. Allen said.

They sold an acre for a black church in 1898 to Antioch. Church trustees were Hiram Foster, James Polk and James Bradley. However, that church is not the ancestor of the present-day Antioch Baptist, according to Wells.

"Antioch Church was just east of where Caswell Springs is now," he said. "It's got the same name, but it's just about another church now. The

Antioch Baptist that's here now, it sprang up in the last 30 years."

Davis Chapel United Methodist Church is the oldest of the black churches in the community and was the name of the old school for blacks. "Our church and school were named after Grandma Lucy Davis," Bithia Wells said.

Caswell Springs UMC served as the main church for white residents during the early days, with services about once a month for both Methodists and Baptists before Wade Baptist was built. There are approximately four other predominantly white congregations now.

White students attended Red Hollow School. "This was the school for Three Rivers. I don't know when it was built," Mrs. Allen said. There was a Caswell Springs School, and Three Rivers students later attended the old Wade School.

Lucy Davis was the daughter of a slave woman and of either George or Samuel Davis, slave owners who came to the Mississippi Territory from Georgia in the early 1800s about the same time as the Goffs and Wells. Dock and Lucy Davis had three daughters — Sarah, Edith and Katie, the latter two who married Wells men.

Katie married M. Quitman Wells, father of Wiley Wells, a sheep farmer who was known as Mr. Wiley. "My granddaddy was named Fred Wells. He was a slave. He married Edith Davis," Wells said.

A few whites named Wells now live in Moss Point. The Wells of Three Rivers assumed the name of former slave owners Henry and Issac Wells after the Civil War, according to Wells and Mrs. Allen. The brothers had come from Bryan County, Ga., about 1812. "One of Henry Wells' daughters married Jim Copeland," Mrs. Allen said.

Matthew Wells was among the five children of Fred and Edith Wells. Matthew Wells married Rose Ella Morris and they had 13 children, among them Henry Wells and his brother, the late Rev. Emmanuel Wells of Moss Point who died in February.

Others joined with families such as the Colmans, Fairleys, Woolens, Nettles, and Freemans. Womacks, Tanners, Jacksons and others were among the numerous families in Three Rivers whose descendents are in the area or have migrated elsewhere.

Wells' grandfather homesteaded 160 acres that he lives on today. "It ain't nothing but gold to me. He come through all that and provided all that. It's something worthwhile for me to hold on to," he said.

Wells married Bithia Broadnax, originally of Alabama. "At the time I married she lived in



James and Lucinda Jane Kennedy

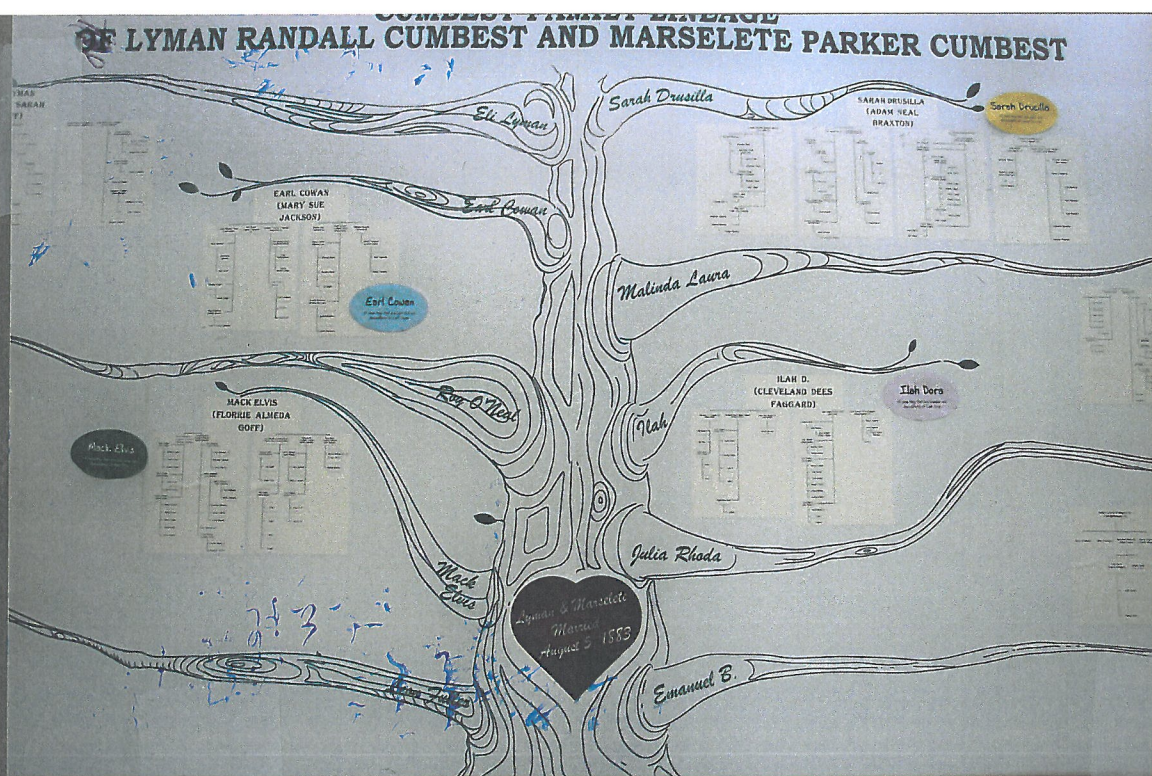
Major landowners in Three Rivers

Hurley," he said. They have 10 children, most still in Three Rivers. He estimates there are about 125 members of family in the area.

"When I was growing up it was a pleasure for me to be growing up," Henry Wells said. "Now that I've grown up I think of it as a blessing from God."

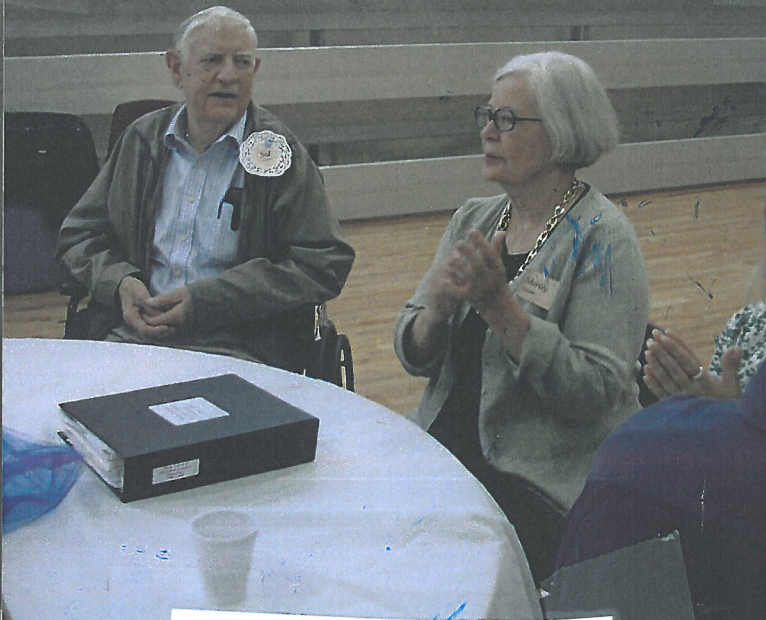
Most Three Rivers residents now work at Ingalls Shipbuilding or Chevron, U.S.A. Since the old public road was paved several businesses have sprouted along the new four-laned Mississippi 63.

Businesses in the area restaurants with a game room or lounge, hardware and auto part stores, quick stop and community groceries, gas station, car wash, video game room, bank, dentist office, gun shop, realty, trucking and septic tank business, and barber shop. Three Rivers Volunteer Fire Department sits along Mississippi 63.

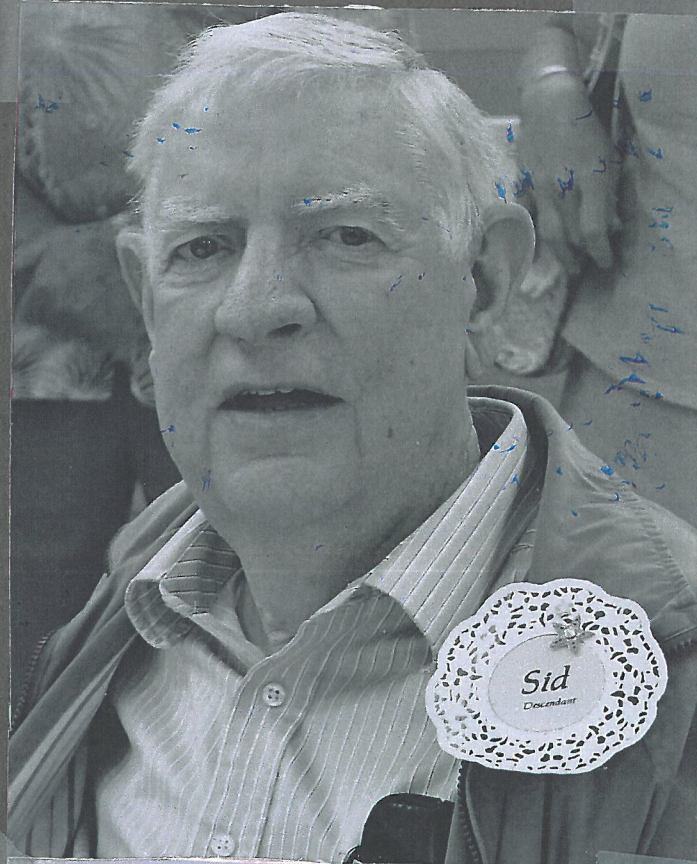


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| 2. Lum Cumbest | 3. Elvis Cumbest | 4. Hillard Cumbest (Roy O. Cumbest children) |
| 5. Opal Cumbest Faggard | 6. Norris "Cooter" Faggard | (Ila Cumbest children) |
| 7. Neva Cumbest Dryden | 8. Myrlene Cumbest Shemper | 9. Faye Cumbest Sullivan |
| 10. Gail Cumbest Lassiter | 11. Joan Cumbest Smith | (Mack and Florrie Cumbest children) |

The above 12 children are all first cousins to Lyman Randall Cumbest and Marselete Parker Cumbest (ten grandchildren)



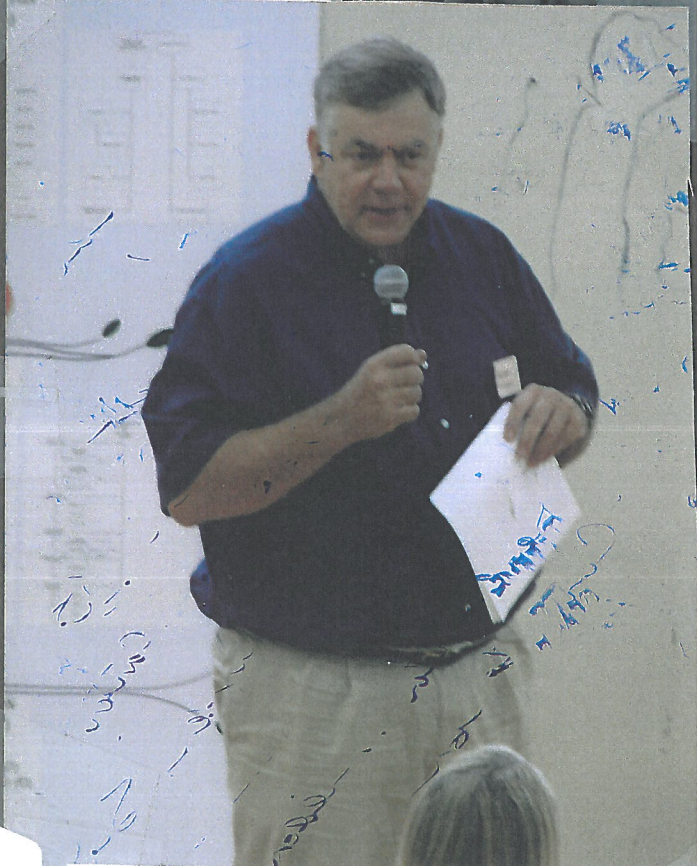
Sid and wife, Shirley Cumbest



Sid Cumbest and wife, Shirley Cumbest

Sandra Cumbest

Top Row: Scott Cumbest, Susan C. McCormick, Caroline McCormick,
and David O. McCormick



Scott Cumbest

(speaking at Cumbest Family Reunion 7/2008)



Cumbest Reunion 7/2008

Sid and wife, Shirley Cumbest and Lynn Cumbest (Scott's wife)

Pattie and husband, Brent Cumbest and two daughters

Bottom table: Grant Cumbest, Mark and wife, Pam Cumbest; Elvis and wife, Ida Mae Cumbest

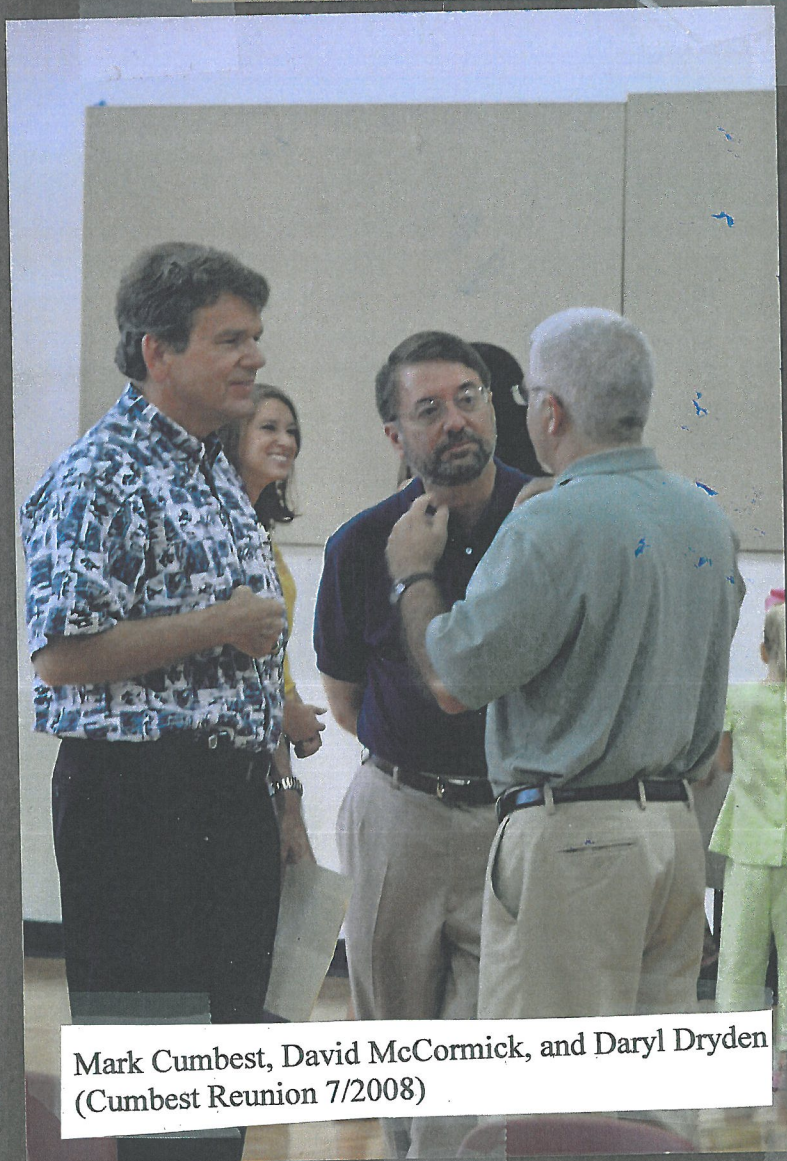
Bottom: Faye Cumbest Sullivan (Mack and Florrie's daughter)



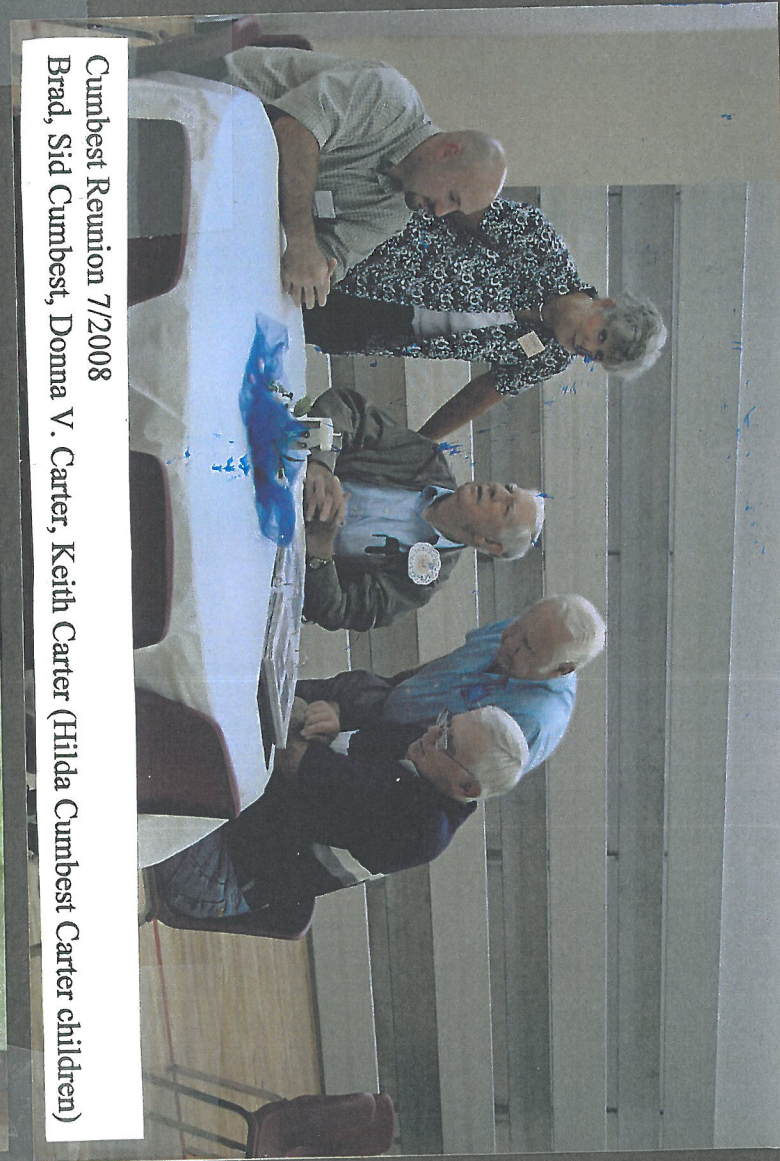
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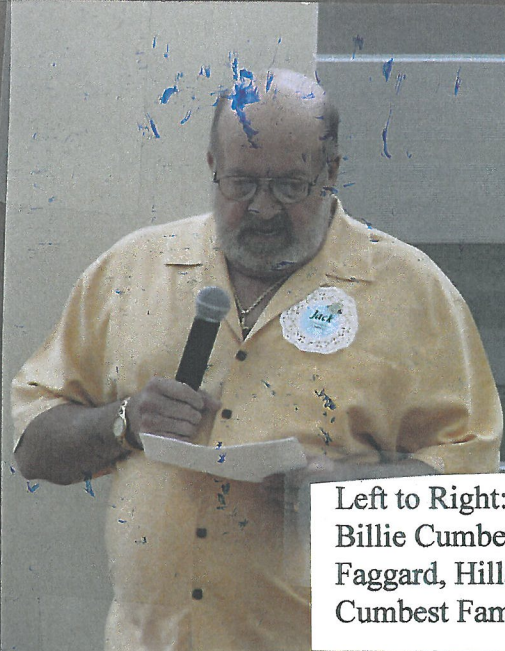
Standing: Billie Cumbest Smith
 Roger Davis (Kay's husband), Keith Carter, Susan McCormick
 Sitting: Hillard Cumbest and Sid Cumbest



Mark Cumbest, David McCormick, and Daryl Dryden
 (Cumbest Reunion 7/2008)



Cumbest Reunion 7/2008
 Brad, Sid Cumbest, Donna V. Carter, Keith Carter (Hilda Cumbest Carter children)



Jack Cumbest



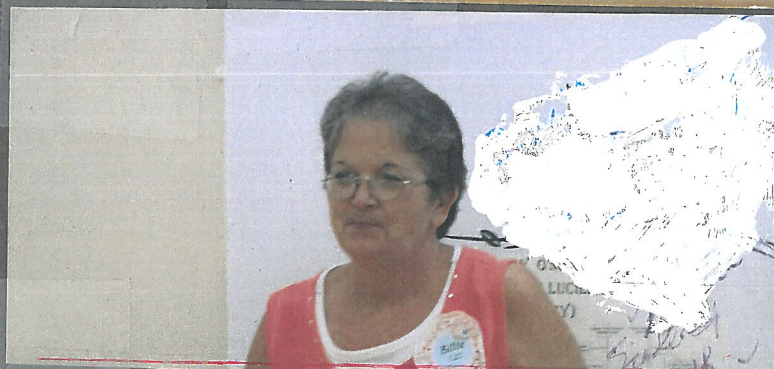
Left to Right:
Billie Cumbest Smith, Lum Cumbest, Loren Kirkwood, Neva Cumbest Dryden, Opal Cumbest Faggard, Hillard Cumbest (all cousins of Lyman R. Cumbest and Marselete P. Cumbest)
Cumbest Family Reunion dated 7/26/2008



Jack Cumbest, Linda Cumbest, Billie Cumbest Smith and Family



Linda Cumbest (Jack's wife)



Billie Cumbest Smith (Jack Cumbest's sister)



Loren Kirkwood
(son of Malinda Cumbest Kirkwood)



Kirkwood Family





Cumbest Reunion 7/2008
Dinner prepared